

# Los Angeles County Benefit and Entitlement Charts for Youth in Foster Care and on Probation

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## Introduction

In 2018, the Office of Child Protection (OCP) released its [Permanency Report for Los Angeles County Foster Youth](#). Multiple research studies have demonstrated the importance of achieving permanency (being adopted by a family, returning home to live with a biological parent or parents, living with relatives, and/or living with a legal guardian), and the need to address challenges surrounding permanency to improve outcomes for youth who are or have been involved in the foster and/or probation systems. Youth who exit foster care without a permanent family or adult connection have a higher risk for increased rates of homelessness, poverty, teen pregnancy, a lack of education, and involvement with the criminal-justice system. Having a stable, permanent family and supportive community is linked with youth being able to successfully attain permanent housing, higher education, self-efficacy, and social/emotional well-being.

Caregivers and youth were interviewed for the 2018 report, and one topic repeatedly mentioned was a concern around public benefits—both the potential loss of benefits following adoption, and the lack of information on available benefits. For example, some caregivers/youth believed that once youth turned 18, they could not be adopted, and once adopted (at any age), they lost access to benefits. Not necessarily. Older foster youth have permanency options—including non-minor dependent adoptions—that leave them still eligible for Adoption Assistance Payments and Independent Living Program benefits.

These charts were compiled to provide a comprehensive resource<sup>1</sup> of foster-youth benefits to assist youth and caregivers, particularly when making permanency decisions. This document also includes a section on benefits and entitlements that can potentially still be accessed (depending on case circumstances) once a youth exits the child-welfare system.

Please note that while some benefits may not be available once a youth leaves foster care, youth who achieve permanency have better outcomes and more supports available as they work toward self-sufficiency.

For the purposes of this document, the term “foster youth” is defined as youth ages 14 through 20 years old, with open/active cases with the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS), including Family Maintenance, Voluntary Family Maintenance, Family Reunification, Permanent Placement, AB 12/Supportive Transition, Kin-GAP; or youth ages 16 through 24 years old with a closed case, who are/were Independent Living Program–eligible.

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<sup>1</sup> Benefit eligibility may depend on case circumstances, so please consult with your attorney and social worker about applying for specific benefits. Various benefits and programs listed in this document may have limited funding availability and caps.

## Helpful Contacts

### Alliance for Children's Rights

General Intake form: [Legal Aid for Foster Families](#) | [Alliance for Children's Rights](#)  
Los Angeles Office (213) 368-6010

### Children's Law Center

Main Line (323) 980-1700 | <https://www.clccal.org/> | Attorney e-mail *LastNameFirstInitial@clccal.org*

### Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Los Angeles

Monterey Park Main Office | (323) 859-2888

CASA of Los Angeles | Edmund D. Edelman Children's Court  
201 Centre Plaza Drive, Suite 1100 | Monterey Park, CA 91754

Antelope Valley Office | (661) 723-2272

CASA of Los Angeles | Alfred J. McCourtney Juvenile Justice Center  
1040 West Avenue J, Room 1130 | Lancaster, CA 93534

*If you are involved in an open juvenile dependency case or know someone who is, and you believe a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) volunteer would be helpful, please visit the CASA referral link: <https://casala.org/refer-a-child/>*

### DCFS—Child Protection Hotline (reporting suspected child abuse and neglect) (800) 540-4000

### DCFS—Youth Development Services (YDS) Staff <https://www.ilponline.org/ContactILP/>

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Jenny Serrano: (213) 604-5675 | [ILPJobs@dcfs.lacounty.gov](mailto:ILPJobs@dcfs.lacounty.gov)

### DCFS—ILP Coordinator

To find out who your ILP coordinator is or to answer any questions, e-mail: [youthds@dcfs.lacounty.gov](mailto:youthds@dcfs.lacounty.gov)  
1933 S. Broadway Street, 6th Floor | Los Angeles, CA 90007 | (877) 694-5444 | (213) 763-6601

### Los Angeles County Commission for Children and Families <http://ccf.lacounty.gov/> | (213) 974-1558

For information about the Los Angeles County Foster Youth Bill of Rights, visit <https://layoutrights.com/>

### Los Angeles County Youth Commission <https://youthcommission.lacounty.gov/> [YouthCommission@bos.lacounty.gov](mailto:YouthCommission@bos.lacounty.gov) | (213) 633-5599

### Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) Youth Coordinated Entry System Liaison

Contact information for each region:

<https://www.lahsa.org/documents?id=4268-youth-ces-dcfs-probation-liaison-list.pdf>

### Probation and Jurisdiction Services Program

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### Public Counsel

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### School District AB 490 Foster Youth Liaisons

Contact information for each district liaison:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1M0XdZh9xWk10sYznG5mn37iGC5YdRx82/edit#gid=585444824>

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# **Benefit and Entitlement Chart**

### Basic Living

| Benefit Name                             | Individual Living Program (ILP) General Benefits                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
|------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Department                               | Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS)<br>Youth Development Services (YDS)   Individual Living Program (ILP) Benefits                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Description                              | The Independent Living Program (ILP) provides financial assistance and services to current and former foster/probation youth ages 16 through 20. This financial assistance can help to fund items such as car insurance, driving lessons, books, and more if youth meet additional eligibility requirements.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Eligibility                              | <p>Youth are eligible for ILP services from their 16th birthday through the day before their 21st birthday, provided <b>one</b> of the following criteria is met:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The youth is/was in foster care at any time from their 16th through their 19th birthdays</li> <li>▪ The youth was in foster care and entered a kinship guardianship at any age <b>AND</b> is receiving/did receive Kinship Guardianship Assistance Payments (Kin-GAP) during ages 16 through 18</li> <li>▪ The youth is a former foster youth who entered a non-related legal guardianship (NRLG) after their 8th birthday <b>AND</b> is receiving/has received permanent placement services</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Access/Action Steps to Receiving Benefit | <p>Discuss adding needs to your Transitional Independent Living Plan (TILP) with your social worker. (If you have issues with the TILP, tell the judge or your attorney.)</p> <p>When you are 16 or older, your children’s social worker (CSW) will refer you to ILP. You may also self-refer; call (213) 351-0101 between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on regular business days to self-refer or ask questions. During non-business hours, call (877) 694-5741 or e-mail <a href="mailto:youthds@dcs.lacounty.gov">youthds@dcs.lacounty.gov</a>. Access more contact information at <a href="https://ilponline.org/ContactILP/">https://ilponline.org/ContactILP/</a>.</p> <p><b>HELPFUL LINKS</b></p> <p>ILP FAQ <a href="https://ilponline.org/FAQs/">https://ilponline.org/FAQs/</a><br/>                 ILP Transportation <a href="https://www.ilponline.org/Resources/Transportation">https://www.ilponline.org/Resources/Transportation</a><br/>                 TILP <a href="https://www.ilponline.org/Documents/TILP.pdf">https://www.ilponline.org/Documents/TILP.pdf</a></p> |
| Length of Benefit                        | From your 16th birthday through the day before your 21st birthday                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Benefit Amount                           | Varies based on availability and need                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

*Priority enrollment/registration for some higher-education opportunities is available to youth per SB 906, which established that current and former foster youth (in care after their 16th birthday and now under the age of 26) are entitled to priority enrollment/registration at community colleges and California State Universities; the bill requested that the University of California grant priority enrollment/registration as well.*

*Priority housing is available to youth per AB 1228. This requires that CSUs and UCs allow foster youth and homeless youth priority housing and to remain in housing that is available during academic breaks at no extra charge.*

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|------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Benefit Name</b>                                        | <b>Independent Living Program (ILP)<br/>Life Skills Program/Individualized Transition Skills Program (ITSP)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Benefit Department</b>                                  | Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Benefit Description</b>                                 | The Individualized Transition Skills Program (ITSP) provides a one-on-one life coach to help youth navigate access to benefits and services, enhance daily life skills, and gain self-sufficiency and permanent connections/relationships.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Benefit Eligibility</b>                                 | <p>Must meet <b>any</b> of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Must be Independent Living Program (ILP)—eligible (page 6), age 16 through the day before your 21st birthday, <b>AND</b> reside in Los Angeles County</li> <li>▪ Must be referred to the program before your 19th birthday</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Access to Benefit/Action Steps to Receiving Benefit</b> | <p>Discuss with your social worker if you want to join this program and ask them to update your needs on your Transition Independent Living Plan. (If you have issues with your TILP, tell the judge or your attorney.)</p> <p>You may also self-refer; call (213) 351-0101 between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on regular business days to self-refer or ask questions. During non-business hours, call (877) 694-5741 or e-mail <a href="mailto:youthds@dcfs.lacounty.gov">youthds@dcfs.lacounty.gov</a>. More contact information at <a href="https://ilponline.org/ContactILP/">https://ilponline.org/ContactILP/</a>.</p> <p><b>HELPFUL LINKS</b></p> <p><b>ILP FAQ</b> <a href="https://ilponline.org/FAQs/">https://ilponline.org/FAQs/</a></p> <p><b>ILP Transportation</b> <a href="https://www.ilponline.org/Resources/Transportation">https://www.ilponline.org/Resources/Transportation</a></p> <p><b>TILP</b> <a href="https://www.ilponline.org/Documents/ITSP_FACT_SHEET.pdf">https://www.ilponline.org/Documents/ITSP_FACT_SHEET.pdf</a><br/> <a href="https://www.ilponline.org/Documents/TILP.pdf">https://www.ilponline.org/Documents/TILP.pdf</a></p> |
| <b>Length of Benefit</b>                                   | Two-year program                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Benefit Amount</b>                                      | Based on availability and need                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |

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| Benefit Name                                               | Independent Living Program (ILP)<br>Youth on the Move                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Benefit Department</b>                                  | Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Benefit Description</b>                                 | This program offers free annual Transit Access Passes (TAP cards) for foster and probation youth ( <a href="https://www.ilponline.org/Documents/YOTM_flyer.pdf">https://www.ilponline.org/Documents/YOTM_flyer.pdf</a> ).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Benefit Eligibility</b>                                 | <p>You are eligible if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ You were in foster care or on probation on or after your 17th birthday <b>AND</b> are currently ages 18 through 21 (the day before your 22nd birthday)</li> <li>▪ You are a participant in the Independent Living Program (ILP)</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Access to Benefit/Action Steps to Receiving Benefit</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Contact ILP Transition Coordinator <b>OR</b></li> <li>▪ Complete the application (link below) by printing it out and bringing it to Metroplex, 3530 Wilshire Blvd, 4th floor, Los Angeles, CA 90010 (you will need to have your picture taken) <b>OR</b></li> <li>▪ Complete the application on your computer (or scan the completed application into your computer) and e-mail <a href="mailto:serraj@dcfs.lacounty.gov">serraj@dcfs.lacounty.gov</a> the completed application along with a picture of your face (consider a school ID picture).</li> </ul> <p><b>HELPFUL LINKS</b></p> <p><b>ILP Webpage</b><br/><a href="https://www.ilponline.org/Resources/Transportation">https://www.ilponline.org/Resources/Transportation</a></p> <p><b>Application</b> <a href="https://www.ilponline.org/Documents/Youth_on_the_Move_Application_2015.pdf">https://www.ilponline.org/Documents/Youth_on_the_Move_Application_2015.pdf</a></p> |
| <b>Length of Benefit</b>                                   | From your 18th birthday through the day before your 22nd birthday                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Benefit Amount</b>                                      | Each card is worth between \$1,200 and \$4,200 and provides access for Metro buses and rail lines and up to 26 additional transit agencies operating in the geographic county.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |

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Benefit Name	Adoption Assistance Program (AAP)
Benefit Department	Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS)
Benefit Description	The Adoption Assistance Program (AAP) provides financial and medical coverage to facilitate the adoption of children who otherwise would remain in long-term foster care. Adoptive families are eligible for post-adoption services that may include resource and referral connections, brief case management, and crisis intervention. Youth adopted after their 16th birthday are also eligible for Independent Living Program (ILP) services (page 6), except for housing assistance. AAP funding is paid only to an adoptive parent.
Benefit Eligibility	<p>Please review the DCFS AAP policy for more information on eligibility:  <a href="http://m.policy.dcfs.lacounty.gov/Src/Content/Initiating_Adoption_Ass.htm">http://m.policy.dcfs.lacounty.gov/Src/Content/Initiating_Adoption_Ass.htm</a>.</p> <p>Once youth are determined eligible to receive AAP benefits, they remain eligible and the subsidy continues through the day before the child/youth’s 18th birthday. AAP benefits can be continued through the day before the youth’s 21st birthday if he or she meets at least <b>one</b> of the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The initial adoption assistance agreement was signed when the youth was at least 16 years old <b>AND</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Youth is working toward completing high school or equivalent program <b>OR</b></li> <li>b. Youth is enrolled in a college, community college, or a vocational education program <b>OR</b></li> <li>c. Youth is employed at least 80 hours per month <b>OR</b></li> <li>d. Youth is participating in a program designed to assist in gaining employment <b>OR</b></li> <li>e. Youth is unable to do one of the above due to a medical condition</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Youth has a physical or mental disability that warrants the continuation of assistance (through the day before the youth’s 21st birthday)</li> </ol>
Access to Benefit/Action Steps to Receiving Benefit	<p>AAP benefits are negotiated by the children’s social worker (CSW) with the adoptive parent(s) before the parent(s) sign an adoptive placement agreement with DCFS and before finalizing the adoption. The CSW makes the final determination of the amount of the AAP benefit, which is based upon the youth’s needs and the circumstances of the adoptive parent(s). The AAP agreement <b>must</b> be signed before the adoption is finalized.</p> <p>The extension of AAP benefits beyond age 18 depends on the adoptive parents requesting the benefit extension <b>before</b> the child/youth's 18th birthday by <b>BOTH</b>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Calling the Foster Care/Adoption Assistance Hotline at (800) 697-4444 <b>AND</b></li> <li>▪ Providing documentation to DCFS of the child/youth's eligibility (see Benefit Eligibility)</li> </ul> <p>AAP must be recertified at least every two years.</p> <p>Questions? Contact your CSW/minor’s attorney or call the Alliance for Children’s Rights at (213) 368-6010.</p>
Length of Benefit	AAP benefits start on the date the AAP agreement is signed and continue through the day before the youth’s 18th birthday. If the criteria are met for the two situations described above (reference 1 and 2 in “Benefit Eligibility”), the youth can continue to receive benefits through the day before the youth’s 21st birthday.
Benefit Amount	<p>Amount shall not exceed the foster-care maintenance payment and any applicable Level of Care (LOC) rate and/or specialized care increment that the child would have received while placed in a licensed or approved family home.</p> <p>The benefit amount does not increase by age; however, AAP benefits can be increased at any time if the child’s needs or family’s situation changes. Documentation must be presented to justify any increase.</p>

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<b>Benefit Name</b>	<b>CalFresh</b>
<b>Benefit Department</b>	Federal program administered through the State of California and the Los Angeles County Department of Public Social Services (DPSS)
<b>Benefit Description</b>	CalFresh is the California name for the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), an entitlement established to improve the nutrition of people in low-income households. CalFresh benefits are used instead of money at most grocery stores and farmers’ markets.
<b>Benefit Eligibility</b>	<p>Eligibility for CalFresh benefits is based on the income of a household.</p> <p><b>Household</b> For CalFresh purposes, a household is a group of people who live together <b>AND</b> buy and prepare food together. Youth under age 18 who are living with a foster family or with their biological family cannot apply for CalFresh separately from the family. In households in which meals are purchased and prepared together (i.e., Resource Family homes), non-minor dependents (NMDs) may not apply for CalFresh separately from their household. Instead, the head of household may apply for CalFresh on behalf of the entire household. In households in which meals are purchased and prepared separately (i.e., THP-NMD, renting a room in a SILP), non-minor dependents (NMDs) may apply for CalFresh as a separate household.</p> <p><b>Income</b> CalFresh eligibility is based on the total income a household has. If a non-minor dependent is receiving Supervised Independent Living Placement (SILP) benefits, the SILP benefits count as income.</p> <p>Youth in many different placement types can apply for CalFresh, including youth living in transitional housing. However, youth living in Short-Term Residential Treatment Programs (STRTPs) or Qualified Residential Treatment Programs (QRTPs) are not eligible for CalFresh.</p> <p><b>Students</b> Persons may also be eligible if they meet the following CalFresh Student Eligibility requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Age: from your 18th birthday through the day before your 49th birthday</li> <li>▪ Be enrolled at least half-time in an institution of higher education</li> </ul> <p><u>CalFresh Student Exemption Criteria</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Employed for a minimum of 20 hours per week</li> <li>▪ Approved for work/study for the current term and anticipate working during the school term</li> <li>▪ A parent with a dependent child under age 6</li> <li>▪ A parent with a dependent child ages 6 to 12 <b>AND</b> a lack of adequate child care preventing from attending class and working 20 hours per week or participating in work/study</li> <li>▪ Enrolled full-time in a higher-education institution <b>AND</b> a single parent with a dependent child under age 12</li> <li>▪ Participating in Extended Foster Care</li> <li>▪ Receiving a Cal Grant A or B at a community college, California State University, or University of California; unmarried, 25 years or younger; and income of less than \$50,000 per year</li> <li>▪ Receiving a Chafee Education and Training Voucher</li> <li>▪ Participating in a foster-youth campus support program (i.e., Guardian Scholars, FYSI, CAFYES/NextUp</li> <li>▪ Participating in a campus support program (i.e., EOPS, EOP, CARE, McNair, Puente Project, MESA)</li> <li>▪ Participating in a Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) program</li> <li>▪ Those who are physically or mentally unfit for employment</li> </ul>

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Benefit Name	CalFresh
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ High school students</li> <li>▪ Those enrolled in higher-education institutions less than half time as defined by the institution</li> <li>▪ Those enrolled in schools and training programs that are not institutions of higher education</li> </ul>
<p><b>Access to Benefit/Action Steps to Receiving Benefit</b></p>	<p>Talk to your social worker or Independent Living Program (ILP) coordinator to find out how to apply for CalFresh. Call (213) 763-6600 between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on normal business days, or e-mail <a href="mailto:youthds@dcs.lacounty.gov">youthds@dcs.lacounty.gov</a> to ask questions. During non-business hours, call (877) 694-5441. Visit this website for more contact information: <a href="https://ilponline.org/ContactILP/">https://ilponline.org/ContactILP/</a>.</p> <p>You may also call DPSS’s customer service line at (866) 613-3777.</p> <p><b>HELPFUL LINKS</b></p> <p>Applicants may also apply directly at <a href="https://yourbenefits.lacrs.org/ybn/Index.html">https://yourbenefits.lacrs.org/ybn/Index.html</a></p> <p><b>CalFresh Info</b> <a href="https://jbay.org/resources/faq-non-minor-dependents-calfresh/">https://jbay.org/resources/faq-non-minor-dependents-calfresh/</a></p>
<p><b>Length of Benefit</b></p>	<p>Ongoing</p>
<p><b>Benefit Amount</b></p>	<p>Varies</p>

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## Social Security

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| <b>Benefit Name</b>                                        | <b>Social Security Income (SSI) for Foster Youth With a Disability</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Benefit Department</b>                                  | Social Security Administration (SSA)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Benefit Description</b>                                 | Supplemental Security Income (SSI) is a needs-based disability program that provides monthly benefits that may be available when a foster youth meets criteria outlined by the Social Security Agency (SSA).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Benefit Eligibility</b>                                 | <p>To qualify, the youth must have been in foster-care placement either out-of-home <b>OR</b> in a home or facility that is licensed or otherwise approved by the state to provide care; the placing agency retains responsibility for continuing supervision of the need for such placement and the care provided.</p> <p>To qualify, the child must have a disability that meets the specific medical criteria established by the SSA. In addition, strict income and resource requirements must be met to prove there is a financial need. The foster parents' income will be taken into consideration because it is considered that the child will have access to a portion of that income.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Access to Benefit/Action Steps to Receiving Benefit</b> | <p>Youth may apply for SSI up to 180 days before their foster-care eligibility ends due to age. Disabled youth transitioning out of foster care may file an SSI application if they:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Live in a foster-care situation</li> <li>▪ Allege blindness or disability</li> <li>▪ Appear likely to meet all the non-medical-eligibility requirements when foster-care payments terminate</li> <li>▪ Expect the foster-care payments to cease within 180 days of the application filing date</li> <li>▪ Are within 180 days of losing foster-care eligibility because of age</li> </ul> <p><b>HELPFUL LINKS</b></p> <p><b>SSI Info</b><br/> <a href="https://www.cdss.ca.gov/cdssweb/entres/forms/english/pub422.pdf">https://www.cdss.ca.gov/cdssweb/entres/forms/english/pub422.pdf</a></p> <p><b>Applying Online</b><br/> <a href="http://www.ssa.gov/applyfordisability">http://www.ssa.gov/applyfordisability</a></p> <p><b>Applying by Phone or for Any Questions</b><br/> (800) 772-1213</p> <p><b>Applying in Person</b><br/> Locate the <a href="#">Social Security Administration office</a> nearest you (by ZIP Code)</p> |
| <b>Length of Benefit</b>                                   | SSI will do an "Age 18 Redetermination" around the time the youth is aging out of care and will determine again if the youth can continue receiving aid.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Benefit Amount</b>                                      | Amount of the cash aid depends on income and living situation                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |

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Benefit Name	Social Security Administration (SSA) Benefits
<b>Benefit Department</b>	Social Security Administration (SSA)
<b>Benefit Description</b>	<p>Several SSA benefits are available to foster youth, depending on their situation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Survivor Benefits when a parent has passed away</li> <li>▪ Social Security Disability Insurance if the parent has become disabled</li> <li>▪ Social Security Retirement if a parent has retired</li> <li>▪ Social Security Disability Insurance benefits; if you are a foster youth with a serious disability, you can apply as an “adult disabled child”</li> </ul>
<b>Benefit Eligibility</b>	<p>Must meet <b>all</b> of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Foster youth has a biological parent who has passed away, become disabled, or retired</li> <li>▪ Foster youth has a serious disability and meets the SSA requirements</li> <li>▪ If foster youth is a full-time student, they may be eligible to receive Survivor Benefits through the day before their 19th birthday</li> </ul>
<b>Access to Benefit/Action Steps to Receiving Benefit</b>	<p><u>For Foster Youth</u>  Submit proof of identification, including a birth certificate and a copy of the parent’s death certificate and/or death notice. The SSA will tell you what supporting documents you must provide to prove eligibility for benefits on the parent’s account.</p> <p>If parentage is not clear from the birth certificate, refer to ACL 20-17 for alternative documents to support the foster child’s claim at <a href="https://www.cdss.ca.gov/Portals/9/Additional-Resources/Letters-and-Notices/ACLs/2020/20-17.pdf">https://www.cdss.ca.gov/Portals/9/Additional-Resources/Letters-and-Notices/ACLs/2020/20-17.pdf</a>.</p> <p>If you have a serious disability, apply for Social Security Disability Insurance benefits as an “adult disabled child.”</p> <p><u>For Caregivers</u>  If you have a foster child in your care and you believe they qualify for disability benefits, you need to contact your local Social Security office. You can schedule an appointment at your local office by calling (800) 772-1213. Take the child’s identification with you to the appointment, along with documentation indicating you are his or her foster parent.</p> <p><b>HELPFUL LINKS</b>  <b>Social Security Administration</b> <a href="http://www.socialsecurity.gov">www.socialsecurity.gov</a></p>
<b>Length of Benefit</b>	<p>Social Security Survivor Benefits cease on your 18th birthday, or on your 19th if you are still in high school.</p> <p>If you are found disabled, Social Security benefits will continue.</p>
<b>Benefit Amount</b>	<p>Benefit amounts are based on the earnings of the parent who passed away, became disabled, or retired.</p> <p>Foster children who are adopted can still qualify for a birth parent’s Survivor, Disability, or Retirement benefits, if the event (death, disability diagnosis, retirement) occurred before the adoption.</p>

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Benefit Name	Countywide Benefits Entitlement Services Team (CBEST)
<b>Benefit Department</b>	Social Security Administration (SSA)   Los Angeles County Department of Health Services (DHS)
<b>Benefit Description</b>	The Countywide Benefits Entitlement Services Team (CBEST) provides targeted advocacy to assist individuals who are homeless or at risk of homelessness in obtaining sustainable income through programs such as Social Security Income (SSI) (page 13) or Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) (page 12).
<b>Benefit Eligibility</b>	Must be a youth transitioning out of foster care <b>AND</b> be eligible for Medi-Cal
<b>Access to Benefit/Action Steps to Receiving Benefit</b>	<p>Call the number shown below for your Service Planning Area (SPA). If you need help determining your SPA, click the SPA Locator link below and enter your address.</p> <p><b>HELPFUL LINKS</b></p> <p><b>SPA Locator</b> <a href="http://gis.lacounty.gov/districtlocator/">http://gis.lacounty.gov/districtlocator/</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SPA 1 (661) 948-8559</li> <li>SPA 2 (818) 342-5897</li> <li>SPA 3 (626) 593-2364</li> <li>SPA 4 (213) 529-0979</li> <li>SPA 5 (310) 396-6468</li> <li>SPA 6 (323) 432-4363</li> <li>SPA 7 (562) 373-5264</li> <li>SPA 8 (562) 599-1321</li> </ul>
<b>Length of Benefit</b>	The program has no average length of service.
<b>Benefit Amount</b>	N/A

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## Extended Foster Care

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| <b>Benefit Name</b>                                        | <b>Extended Foster Care (AB 12)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Benefit Department</b>                                  | Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Benefit Description</b>                                 | Assembly Bill (AB) 12 is the law that extends foster care to age 21 in California. That means you can take advantage of all the services and benefits DCFS and Probation have to offer, including support, funding, transportation (Youth on the Move, page 8), and housing (placement).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Benefit Eligibility</b>                                 | <p>Must meet <b>one</b> of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Have an order for foster-care placement on the youth's 18th birthday <b>OR</b></li> <li>▪ If an adoptive parent/legal guardian passes away or is no longer providing care for the youth</li> </ul> <p><b>AND all</b> these:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Youth continue under the jurisdiction of the juvenile dependency court or re-enter such jurisdiction</li> <li>▪ Youth agree to live in a supervised, licensed, or approved placement</li> <li>▪ Youth sign a mutual agreement, meet with a social worker every month, and participate in six-month review hearings</li> </ul> <p><b>AND one</b> of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Youth is working toward completing high school or a similar program</li> <li>▪ Youth is enrolled in college, community college, or a vocational education program</li> <li>▪ Youth is employed at least 80 hours a month</li> <li>▪ Youth is participating in a program/activity designed to remove barriers to employment</li> <li>▪ Youth is unable to do one of the above due to a medical condition (including pregnancy)</li> </ul> |
| <b>Access to Benefit/Action Steps to Receiving Benefit</b> | <p>Youth should automatically be enrolled to continue foster care if they qualify. Youth may also choose to re-enter foster care after initially deciding to close their case, and may exit and re-enter as many times as they wish through the day before their 21st birthday.</p> <p><b>HELPFUL LINKS</b></p> <p><a href="https://www.ilponline.org/AB12/">https://www.ilponline.org/AB12/</a></p> <p>Call the DCFS Hotline at (800) 540-4000 or the Children's Law Center at (323) 859-4000 for assistance with re-entering foster care.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Length of Benefit</b>                                   | From your 18th birthday through the day before your 21st birthday                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Benefit Amount</b>                                      | Benefits amount depends on the placement type, needs of the youth, etc.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

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| <b>Benefit Name</b>                                        | <b>AB 12 Non-Minor Dependent (NMD)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Benefit Department</b>                                  | Los Angeles County Probation Department                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
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| <b>Benefit Eligibility</b>                                 | <p>Must meet <b>all</b> of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Youth agrees to live in a supervised placement that is licensed or approved</li> <li>▪ Youth signs a mutual agreement (terms of probation can trump some rights)</li> <li>▪ Youth meets with their probation officer every month and participate in six-month review hearings</li> <li>▪ Youth are under delinquency court jurisdiction and are under a suitable-placement or foster-care order on their 18th birthday</li> <li>▪ Youth are under an order of foster-care placement on their 18th birthday and have finished their terms of probation and are under transition jurisdiction (page 19) <b>OR</b> are between the ages of 17 years 5 months and 18 years and under transition jurisdiction on their 18th birthday</li> </ul> <p><b>AND one</b> of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Youth is working toward completing high school or an equivalent program</li> <li>▪ Youth is enrolled in college, community college, or a vocational education program</li> <li>▪ Youth is employed at least 80 hours a month</li> <li>▪ Youth is participating in a program designed to assist in gaining employment</li> <li>▪ Youth is unable to do one of the above due to medical condition (including pregnancy)</li> </ul> <p>You also may be eligible for re-entry to foster care up to age 21 if you leave foster care after age 18 or if an adoptive parent/legal guardian passes away or is no longer supporting you.</p> |
| <b>Access to Benefit/Action Steps to Receiving Benefit</b> | <p><b>Contact:</b></p> <p>Jedediah Minoff: (213) 763-1421<br/> <a href="mailto:jedediah.minoff@probation.lacounty.gov">jedediah.minoff@probation.lacounty.gov</a></p> <p>Sean Porter: (626) 356-5539<br/> <a href="mailto:sean.porter@probation.lacounty.gov">sean.porter@probation.lacounty.gov</a></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Length of Benefit</b>                                   | From your 18th birthday through the day before your 21st birthday                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Benefit Amount</b>                                      | Benefits amount depends on the placement type, needs of the youth, etc.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |

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<b>Benefit Name</b>	<b>AB 12 Extended Kin-GAP (Kinship Guardianship Assistance Payments)</b>
<b>Benefit Department</b>	Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS)
<b>Benefit Description</b>	<p>Assembly Bill (AB) 12 is the law that extends foster care to age 21 in California. That means you can take advantage of all the services and benefits DCFS and Probation have to offer, including support, funding, transportation (Youth on the Move, page 8), and housing (placement). You also may be eligible for re-entry to foster care through the day before your 21st birthday if you leave foster care after age 18 or if an adoptive parent/legal guardian passes away or is no longer supporting you.</p> <p>Youth receiving Kin-GAP are eligible for ILP services (page 6).</p>
<b>Benefit Eligibility</b>	<p>Must meet <b>one</b> of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Youth turned 16 before the negotiated Kin-GAP payments started (and can receive them up until the age of 21); <b>AND</b> meets one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Youth is working toward completing high school or equivalent program</li> <li>♦ Youth is enrolled in college, community college, or a vocational education program</li> <li>♦ Youth is employed at least 80 hours a month</li> <li>♦ Youth is participating in a program designed to assist in gaining employment</li> <li>♦ Youth is unable to do one of the above due to a medical condition (including pregnancy)</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Youth turned 16 after the negotiated Kin-GAP payments commenced and is expected to graduate from high school or complete an equivalent program before turning 19 (benefits can continue until they graduate high school or turn 19, whichever comes first)</li> <li>▪ Youth who have a physical or mental disability that warrants continuing assistance (through the day before their 21st birthday)</li> </ul>
<b>Access to Benefit/Action Steps to Receiving Benefit</b>	<p>The relative guardian must contact the social worker to request an extension of Kin-GAP benefits for a youth beyond the age of 18, and will need to provide documentation indicating that the youth meets the eligibility criteria. Youth in extended Kin-GAP should be receiving all Extended Foster Care benefits except for housing, as they should have housing with their relative.</p> <p>The guardian must complete an annual Kin-GAP redetermination.</p> <p>Contact the following with any questions:  <a href="mailto:youthds@dcs.lacounty.gov">youthds@dcs.lacounty.gov</a>  1933 S. Broadway St. 6th Floor  Los Angeles, CA 90007  (877) 694-5441  (213) 763-6600</p>
<b>Length of Benefit</b>	Beginning when the youth turns 18 through the day before their 21st birthday
<b>Benefit Amount</b>	Varies

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<b>Benefit Name</b>	<b>AB 12 Non-Related Legal Guardianship</b>
<b>Benefit Department</b>	Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS)
<b>Benefit Description</b>	<p>Assembly Bill (AB) 12 is the law that extends foster care to age 21 in California. That means you can take advantage of all the services and benefits DCFS and Probation have to offer, including support, funding, transportation (Youth on the Move, page 8), and housing (placement). You also may be eligible for re-entry to foster care through the day before your 21st birthday if you leave foster care after age 18 or if an adoptive parent/legal guardian passes away or is no longer supporting you.</p> <p>ILP services (page 6) are available to youth placed in a non-relative legal guardianship.</p>
<b>Benefit Eligibility</b>	<p>Must meet the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Youth must be in foster care on their 18th birthday</li> </ul> <p><b>AND</b> must meet <b>one</b> of the following education and employment participation conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Secondary education</li> <li>♦ Post-secondary or vocational education</li> <li>♦ Participating in a program/activity designed to promote or remove barriers to employment</li> <li>♦ Employed for at least 80 hours per month</li> <li>♦ Incapable of doing one of the above due to a medical condition (including pregnancy)</li> </ul>
<b>Access to Benefit/Action Steps to Receiving Benefit</b>	<p>Contact your social worker or probation officer to sign the Mutual Agreement for Extended Foster Care form SOC 162 within the six months before your 18th birthday, asking to remain in foster care after turning 18 with a non-related legal guardian.</p> <p>A Six-Month Certification of Extended Foster Care Participation form SOC 161 must be signed every six months, along with the case plan and Transitional Independent Living Plan (TILP) being updated by the social worker/probation officer to certify your continued participation in extended foster care.</p> <p>Contact the following with any questions:  <a href="mailto:youthds@dcfs.lacounty.gov">youthds@dcfs.lacounty.gov</a>                      1933 S. Broadway St. 6th Floor                      Los Angeles, CA 90007                      (877) 694-5441                      (213) 763-6600</p>
<b>Length of Benefit</b>	Beginning when the youth turns 18 through the day before their 21st birthday
<b>Benefit Amount</b>	Varies

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| Benefit Name                                               | <b>Transition Jurisdiction Services (450 Status)<br/>for Minors</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
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| <b>Benefit Department</b>                                  | Los Angeles County Probation Department                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Benefit Description</b>                                 | Probation provides supervision, support, and guidance to youth in Extended Foster Care under Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC) 450.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Benefit Eligibility</b>                                 | <p>Must meet <b>all</b> of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Youth is under an order for foster-care placement</li> <li>▪ Youth is between the ages of 17 years 5 months and 18 years</li> <li>▪ Youth no longer requires the supervision of the delinquency court because they have achieved their rehabilitative goals</li> <li>▪ Youth is at risk of abuse or neglect and cannot be returned to the parental home safely</li> <li>▪ Youth intends to meet the non-minor dependent participation requirements</li> </ul> |
| <b>Access to Benefit/Action Steps to Receiving Benefit</b> | <p>For more information about Probation's Transition Jurisdiction Services program, contact:</p> <p>Jedediah Minoff: (213) 763-1421<br/> <a href="mailto:jedediah.minoff@probation.lacounty.gov">jedediah.minoff@probation.lacounty.gov</a></p> <p>Sean Porter: (626) 356-5539<br/> <a href="mailto:sean.porter@probation.lacounty.gov">sean.porter@probation.lacounty.gov</a></p>                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Length of Benefit</b>                                   | Through the age of 20 (the day before your 21st birthday)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Benefit Amount</b>                                      | Transition Jurisdiction allows minors who have met their rehabilitative goals to participate in Extended Foster Care (EFC) (page 15).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |

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Benefit Name	<b>Transition Jurisdiction Services (450 Status) for Non-Minors</b>
<b>Benefit Department</b>	Los Angeles County Probation Department
<b>Benefit Description</b>	Probation provides supervision, support, and guidance to youth in Extended Foster Care under Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC) 450.
<b>Benefit Eligibility</b>	Must meet <b>all</b> of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Youth had a foster-care placement on their 18th birthday</li> <li>▪ Youth has since successfully completed the terms of their probation</li> <li>▪ Youth is under the age of 21</li> </ul>
<b>Access to Benefit/Action Steps to Receiving Benefit</b>	For more information about Probation’s Transition Jurisdiction Services program, contact: Jedediah Minoff: (213) 763-1421 <a href="mailto:jedediah.minoff@probation.lacounty.gov">jedediah.minoff@probation.lacounty.gov</a> Sean Porter: (626) 356-5539 <a href="mailto:sean.porter@probation.lacounty.gov">sean.porter@probation.lacounty.gov</a>
<b>Length of Benefit</b>	Through the age of 20 (the day before your 21st birthday)
<b>Benefit Amount</b>	AB 12–related benefits (page 16), including housing and continued funding

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### Housing

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| <b>Benefit Name</b>                                        | <b>Independent Living Program (ILP)<br/>Rental Assistance</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Benefit Department</b>                                  | Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS)<br>Youth Development Services (YDS)   Independent Living Program (ILP) Benefits)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Benefit Description</b>                                 | Housing rental assistance                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Benefit Eligibility</b>                                 | ILP-eligible youth (page 6) and the dependency case is closed                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Access to Benefit/Action Steps to Receiving Benefit</b> | Discuss adding needs to your Transitional Independent Living Plan (TILP) with your social worker. (If you have issues with your TILP, tell the judge or your attorney.)<br><br>You can also reach out to a LAHSA Youth Coordinated Entry System (page 27) Liaison. Contacts for each region:<br><a href="https://www.lahsa.org/documents?id=4268-youth-ces-dcfs-probation-liaison-list.pdf">https://www.lahsa.org/documents?id=4268-youth-ces-dcfs-probation-liaison-list.pdf</a><br><br><b>OR</b> reach out to the DCFS Youth Development Services Housing Services Staff:<br><a href="https://ilponline.org/ContactILP/">https://ilponline.org/ContactILP/</a><br><br><b>HELPFUL LINKS</b><br><a href="https://ilponline.org/Resources/">https://ilponline.org/Resources/</a> |
| <b>Length of Benefit</b>                                   | From age 18 to the day before your 21st birthday                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Benefit Amount</b>                                      | Based on need and availability                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |

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Benefit Name	Independent Living Program (ILP) Startup Funds
Benefit Department	Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) Youth Development Services (YDS)   Independent Living Program (ILP) Benefits
Benefit Description	Provides a one-time cash payment for things like furniture, kitchen and bathroom items, and other needs for a new house/apartment.
Benefit Eligibility	Must meet <b>any</b> of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Youth’s case is closed in court</li> <li>▪ Youth meets ILP eligibility criteria (page 6)</li> <li>▪ Youth does not have an open case as a non-minor dependent (NMD)</li> </ul>
Access to Benefit/Action Steps to Receiving Benefit	Discuss adding needs to your Transitional Independent Living Plan (TILP) with your social worker. (If you have issues with your TILP, tell the judge or your attorney.)  You can also reach out to <a href="https://www.ilponline.org/ContactILP/">https://www.ilponline.org/ContactILP/</a>  <a href="mailto:youthds@dcsf.lacounty.gov">youthds@dcsf.lacounty.gov</a> 1933 S. Broadway St. 6th Floor Los Angeles, CA 90007 (877) 694-5441 (213) 763-6600  <b>HELPFUL LINKS</b>  <b>ILP Housing</b> <a href="https://www.ilponline.org/Housing/">https://www.ilponline.org/Housing/</a>  <b>TILP</b> <a href="https://www.ilponline.org/Documents/TILP.pdf">https://www.ilponline.org/Documents/TILP.pdf</a>
Length of Benefit	From age 16 to the day before your 21st birthday
Benefit Amount	Amount dependent upon funding availability

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| Benefit Name                                               | Independent Living Program (ILP)<br>Transitional Housing Placement Program (THPP)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
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| <b>Benefit Department</b>                                  | Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS)<br>Youth Development Services (YDS) Independent Living Program (ILP) Benefits                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Benefit Description</b>                                 | This supervised transitional housing program has six beds for 16- and 17-year-old current foster youth. The supportive services provided are based on what is included in a youth’s Transition Independent Living Plan (TILP).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Benefit Eligibility</b>                                 | <p>Must meet <b>any</b> of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Youth is a DCFS court dependent currently living with foster parent, relative, or in a group home <b>AND</b> 16–17 years old <b>AND</b> on track to graduate or already graduated high school <b>AND</b> eligible for ILP services (page 6)</li> <li>▪ Youth is enrolled in ILP Individualized Transition Skills Program (ITSP) (page 7)</li> </ul> <p>Probation youth are not eligible.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Access to Benefit/Action Steps to Receiving Benefit</b> | <p>Your social worker must refer you to this program. You can also reach out to the DCFS contacts below for questions and assistance:<br/> <a href="https://www.ilponline.org/ContactILP/">https://www.ilponline.org/ContactILP/</a><br/> <a href="mailto:youthds@dcfs.lacounty.gov">youthds@dcfs.lacounty.gov</a><br/>                     1933 S. Broadway St. 6th Floor<br/>                     Los Angeles, CA 90007<br/>                     (877) 694-5441<br/>                     (213) 763-6600</p> <p><b>HELPFUL LINKS</b></p> <p><b>ILP Housing</b><br/> <a href="https://www.ilponline.org/Housing/">https://www.ilponline.org/Housing/</a></p> <p><b>ILP THPP</b><br/> <a href="https://www.ilponline.org/Housing/THPP">https://www.ilponline.org/Housing/THPP</a></p> <p><b>TILP</b><br/> <a href="https://www.ilponline.org/Documents/TILP.pdf">https://www.ilponline.org/Documents/TILP.pdf</a></p> |
| <b>Length of Benefit</b>                                   | Two years or age 18, whichever comes first                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Benefit Amount</b>                                      | One to two years                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |

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<b>Benefit Name</b>	<b>Independent Living Program (ILP) Transitional Housing Program Plus (THP+)</b>
<b>Benefit Department</b>	Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) Youth Development Services (YDS) Independent Living Program (ILP) Benefits
<b>Benefit Description</b>	This supervised transitional housing program provides supportive services based on the youth’s Transitional Independent Living Plan (TILP). This program has a 139-bed capacity.
<b>Benefit Eligibility</b>	<p>Must <b>meet</b> the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Youth exited foster care at or after age 18</li> <li>▪ Age 18 through the day before your 24th birthday</li> <li>▪ ILP-eligible youth (page 6)</li> <li>▪ Youth work full-time, go to school full-time, <b>OR</b> work and attend school both part-time</li> <li>▪ Youth are homeless or at risk of being homeless</li> <li>▪ DCFS and Probation youth with closed cases</li> </ul>
<b>Access to Benefit/ Action Steps to Receiving Benefit</b>	<p>Ask your with social worker to make a referral <b>OR</b> connect with the youth coordinator with the Coordinated Entry System for your Service Planning Area (SPA).</p> <p>You can also reach out to a LAHSA Youth Coordinated Entry System (page 27) Liaison. Contact information for each region is available here:  <a href="https://www.lahsa.org/documents?id=4268-youth-ces-dcfs-probation-liaison-list.pdf">https://www.lahsa.org/documents?id=4268-youth-ces-dcfs-probation-liaison-list.pdf</a></p> <p><b>OR</b> reach out to the DCFS Youth Development Services Housing Services Staff:  <a href="https://ilponline.org/ContactILP/">https://ilponline.org/ContactILP/</a></p> <p><b>HELPFUL LINKS</b></p> <p><b>ILP Housing</b>  <a href="https://www.ilponline.org/Housing/">https://www.ilponline.org/Housing/</a></p> <p><b>ILP THP-Plus</b>  <a href="https://www.ilponline.org/Housing/THPPLUS">https://www.ilponline.org/Housing/THPPLUS</a></p> <p><b>TILP</b>  <a href="https://www.ilponline.org/Documents/TILP.pdf">https://www.ilponline.org/Documents/TILP.pdf</a></p> <p><b>ILP Weekly Vacancy Report</b>  <a href="https://www.ilponline.org/Documents/HOUSINGSERVICESWEEKLYVACANCYREPORT.pdf">https://www.ilponline.org/Documents/HOUSINGSERVICESWEEKLYVACANCYREPORT.pdf</a></p> <p><b>Application</b>  <a href="http://file.lacounty.gov/SDSInter/dcfs/docs/1007006_DCFS6085_THPlusApplicationandAuthorization101416.pdf">http://file.lacounty.gov/SDSInter/dcfs/docs/1007006_DCFS6085_THPlusApplicationandAuthorization101416.pdf</a></p> <p><b>Coordinated Entry System (CES) for Youth</b>  <a href="https://www.lahsa.org/ces/">https://www.lahsa.org/ces/</a></p>
<b>Length of Benefit</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 24 cumulative months or through the day before your 24th birthday, whichever comes first</li> <li>▪ If youth reside in Los Angeles County, they have the ability to participate in the county’s waiver for THP+ that allows youth in school to stay in the THP+ program for an additional 12 months (a total of 36 months) and up to their 25th birthday</li> </ul>

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<b>Benefit Department</b>	Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) Youth Development Services (YDS) Independent Living Program (ILP) Benefits
<b>Benefit Description</b>	This transitional housing placement program provides supportive services based on the youth’s Transitional Independent Living Plan (TILP). This program has a 393-bed capacity.
<b>Benefit Eligibility</b>	Must <b>meet</b> the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ DCFS or Probation non-minor dependents (NMDs) participating in AB 12</li> <li>▪ Age 18 through the day before your 21st birthday</li> <li>▪ Current court dependents</li> <li>▪ Eligible for participation in ILP (page 6)</li> <li>▪ Responsible enough to share an apartment with another NMD</li> </ul>
<b>Access to Benefit/ Action Steps to Receiving Benefit</b>	Ask your social worker to make a referral <b>OR</b> tell your social worker if there is difficulty in getting a referral contact.  You can also reach out to a LAHSA Youth Coordinated Entry System (page 27) Liaison. Contact information for each region is available here: <a href="https://www.lahsa.org/documents?id=4268-youth-ces-dcfs-probation-liaison-list.pdf">https://www.lahsa.org/documents?id=4268-youth-ces-dcfs-probation-liaison-list.pdf</a>  <b>OR</b> reach out to the DCFS Youth Development Services Housing Services Staff: <a href="https://ilponline.org/ContactILP/">https://ilponline.org/ContactILP/</a>  <b>HELPFUL LINKS</b> <b>ILP THP-NMD</b> <a href="https://www.ilponline.org/Housing/THPPFC">https://www.ilponline.org/Housing/THPPFC</a>  <b>TILP</b> <a href="https://www.ilponline.org/Documents/TILP.pdf">https://www.ilponline.org/Documents/TILP.pdf</a>  <b>ILP Housing</b> <a href="https://www.ilponline.org/Housing/">https://www.ilponline.org/Housing/</a>  <b>ILP Weekly Vacancy Report</b> <a href="https://www.ilponline.org/Documents/HOUSINGSERVICESWEEKLYVACANCYREPORT.pdf">https://www.ilponline.org/Documents/HOUSINGSERVICESWEEKLYVACANCYREPORT.pdf</a>
<b>Length of Benefit</b>	Three years or through the day before your 21st birthday, whichever comes first

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Benefit Name	Independent Living Program (ILP) Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA)/ILP Transitional Housing
<b>Benefit Department</b>	Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) Los Angeles Homeless Service Authority (LAHSA)
<b>Benefit Description</b>	Supportive services are provided based on the youth’s Transitional Independent Living Plan (TILP). This program has a 169-bed capacity, with 50 beds set aside for youth with an Axis I diagnosis who receive Department of Mental Health (DMH) services.
<b>Benefit Eligibility</b>	<p>Must <b>meet</b> the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ DCFS and Probation emancipated youth</li> <li>▪ Age 18 through the day before your 21st birthday</li> <li>▪ ILP-eligible youth (page 6)</li> <li>▪ Youth who can work or attend school</li> <li>▪ DCFS and Probation youth with closed cases</li> </ul> <p>Youth in Kin-Gap are also eligible for this benefit</p>
<b>Access to Benefit/ Action Steps to Receiving Benefit</b>	<p>Discuss with your Transition Coordinator. (If you have issues with your TILP, tell the judge or your attorney).</p> <p>You can also reach out to a LAHSA Youth Coordinated Entry System (page 27) Liaison. Contact information for each region is available here:  <a href="https://www.lahsa.org/documents?id=4268-youth-ces-dcfs-probation-liaison-list.pdf">https://www.lahsa.org/documents?id=4268-youth-ces-dcfs-probation-liaison-list.pdf</a></p> <p><b>OR</b> reach out to the DCFS Youth Development Services Housing Services Staff:  <a href="https://ilponline.org/ContactILP/">https://ilponline.org/ContactILP/</a></p> <p><b>HELPFUL LINKS</b></p> <p><b>ILP Housing</b>  <a href="https://www.ilponline.org/Housing/">https://www.ilponline.org/Housing/</a></p> <p><b>ILP LAHSA</b>  <a href="https://www.ilponline.org/Housing/LAHSA">https://www.ilponline.org/Housing/LAHSA</a></p> <p><b>TILP</b>  <a href="https://www.ilponline.org/Documents/TILP.pdf">https://www.ilponline.org/Documents/TILP.pdf</a></p> <p><b>ILP DMH</b>  <a href="https://www.ilponline.org/Housing/DMH">https://www.ilponline.org/Housing/DMH</a></p> <p><b>ILP Weekly Vacancy Report</b>  <a href="https://www.ilponline.org/Documents/HOUSINGSERVICESWEEKLYVACANCYREPORT.pdf">https://www.ilponline.org/Documents/HOUSINGSERVICESWEEKLYVACANCYREPORT.pdf</a></p>
<b>Length of Benefit</b>	36 months if you enter at age 18

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<b>Benefit Name</b>	<b>Coordinated Entry System for Youth</b>
<b>Benefit Department</b>	Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA)
<b>Benefit Description</b>	The Coordinated Entry System for Youth (Youth CES) is a regionally coordinated, client-centered system that streamlines access to developmentally appropriate housing and support services for youth and young adults.
<b>Benefit Eligibility</b>	<p>Must <b>meet</b> the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Age 16 through the day before your 24th birthday</li> <li>▪ Have your case closed by DCFS or being closed within 90 days</li> <li>▪ Located in Los Angeles County</li> <li>▪ Experiencing homelessness or housing insecurity</li> <li>▪ Completes Youth CES Next Step Tool with relevant youth coordinator</li> </ul>
<b>Access to Benefit/Action Steps to Receiving Benefit</b>	<p>Contact your CES Access Center based on your Service Planning Area (SPA).</p> <p><b>SPA 1:</b> Volunteers of America (661) 952-7095</p> <p><b>SPA 2:</b> Volunteers of America (818) 623-0209</p> <p><b>SPA 3:</b> Youth Moving On (626) 765-6010</p> <p><b>SPA 4:</b> LA LGBT Center (323) 860-2280; <b>AND</b> My Friend’s Place (323) 908-0011 ext. 128 <b>OR</b> (323) 908-0011 ext. 117</p> <p><b>SPA 5:</b> Safe Place for Youth (323) 902-2283</p> <p><b>SPA 6:</b> Coalition for Responsible Development (323) 432-2440</p> <p><b>SPA 7:</b> Jovenes, Inc. (213) 926-4158</p> <p><b>SPA 8:</b> Sanctuary of Hope (424) 374-8038</p> <p>If you need help determining your SPA, click the link below and enter your address.</p> <p><b>SPA Locator</b> <a href="http://gis.lacounty.gov/districtlocator/">http://gis.lacounty.gov/districtlocator/</a></p>
<b>Length of Benefit</b>	Based on need
<b>Benefit Amount</b>	N/A

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## Education

Benefit Name	Transportation to School of Origin (K–12)
<b>Benefit Department</b>	Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS)
<b>Benefit Description</b>	<p>Federal and state laws require DCFS and school districts to provide and fund transportation for foster youth to remain in their school of origin.</p> <p>The school of origin is the school that the foster child attended when permanently housed, or the school in which the foster child was last enrolled. If the school the foster child attended when permanently housed is different from the school in which the foster child was last enrolled, or if the foster child attended some other school where they felt connected and that they attended within the last 15 months, that school may be identified as the school of origin.</p> <p>When a youth is placed into foster care or moves foster-care placements, the school district's Foster Youth Liaison, the youth's Educational Rights Holder, and the youth must meet to determine whether it is in the youth's best interest to remain in their school of origin. The Educational Rights Holder is the decision-maker during this meeting.</p>
<b>Benefit Eligibility</b>	<p>Must <b>meet</b> the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Any school-age youth placed in foster care or who has changed foster-care placements</li> <li>▪ The youth's Educational Rights Holder determines whether or not staying in the school of origin is in the youth's best interest</li> <li>▪ In kindergarten through 12th grade</li> </ul>
<b>Access to Benefit/Action Steps to Receiving Benefit</b>	<p>To discuss school-of-origin transportation support, contact your social worker or school-district AB 490 Foster Youth Liaison. Each district's liaison is listed at <a href="https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1M0XdZh9xWk10sYznG5mn37iGC5YdRx82/edit#gid=585444824">https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1M0XdZh9xWk10sYznG5mn37iGC5YdRx82/edit#gid=585444824</a>.</p>
<b>Length of Benefit</b>	Kindergarten through 12th grade
<b>Benefit Amount</b>	Dependent on method/length of transportation

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| <b>Benefit Name</b>                                        | <b>Independent Living Program (ILP)<br/>High School Graduation Expenses</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Benefit Department</b>                                  | Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Benefit Description</b>                                 | Money provided to pay for senior pictures, grad night, cap and gown, as well as prom and other graduation-related expenses.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Benefit Eligibility</b>                                 | ILP-eligible youth (page 6) who have completed a senior expense application (ask DCFS for this), including a school stamp or seal and a transcript                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Access to Benefit/Action Steps to Receiving Benefit</b> | <p>Discuss adding needs to your Transitional Independent Living Plan (TILP) with your social worker. (If you have issues with your TILP, tell the judge or your attorney.)</p> <p>You can also reach out to: <a href="https://www.ilponline.org/ContactILP/youthds@dcfs.lacounty.gov">https://www.ilponline.org/ContactILP/youthds@dcfs.lacounty.gov</a><br/>                     1933 S. Broadway St. 6th Floor<br/>                     Los Angeles, CA 90007<br/>                     (877) 694-5441<br/>                     (213) 763-6600</p> <p><b>ILP Graduation Expenses</b><br/> <a href="https://www.ilponline.org/Resources/HSGraduationExpenses">https://www.ilponline.org/Resources/HSGraduationExpenses</a></p> <p><b>TILP</b><br/> <a href="https://www.ilponline.org/Documents/TILP.pdf">https://www.ilponline.org/Documents/TILP.pdf</a></p> |
| <b>Length of Benefit</b>                                   | From age 16 through the day before your 21st birthday                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Benefit Amount</b>                                      | Varies                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |

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<b>Benefit Name</b>	<b>Celebration I</b>
<b>Benefit Department</b>	Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS)   Youth Development Services (YDS) Individual Living Program (ILP) Benefits
<b>Benefit Description</b>	Celebration I is held in June of every year for graduating foster and probation youth who maintain a specific GPA. Celebrities, your family and friends, our community partners, as well as the Independent Living Program team want to recognize you for all your hard work.
<b>Benefit Eligibility</b>	<p>Must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Be ILP-eligible (page 6) <b>AND</b></li> <li>▪ Be a graduating high school senior <b>AND</b></li> <li>▪ Be college bound (to a two-year college or a four-year college or university) <b>AND</b></li> <li>▪ Have a 2.8 cumulative GPA or higher</li> </ul> <p>The benefit is available to both DCFS and Probation cases.</p>
<b>Access to Benefit/ Action Steps to Receiving Benefit</b>	<p>Contact your children’s social worker or deputy probation officer if your case is open for a referral <b>OR</b> contact your Transition Coordinator or ILP services if your case is closed <b>AND</b> you have completed an application.</p> <p>If you wish to participate, please submit a package including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ A Senior Expense form with the school stamp or seal, signed by a school counselor and confirming that you are on track to graduate</li> <li>▪ Your seventh-semester high-school transcript</li> <li>▪ A page-and-a-half essay indicating your accomplishments</li> </ul> <p>Submission deadlines change each year.</p> <p><b>HELPFUL LINKS</b></p> <p><b>ILP Website</b>  <a href="https://www.ilponline.org/Resources/Celebration">https://www.ilponline.org/Resources/Celebration</a></p>
<b>Length of Benefit</b>	Graduation year in June of that year
<b>Benefit Amount</b>	Depends on need and funding availability

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| <b>Benefit Name</b>                                         | <b>Celebration II</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Benefit Department</b>                                   | Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS)<br>Youth Development Services (YDS)   Individual Living Program (ILP) Benefits                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Benefit Description</b>                                  | Celebration II is held during the summer after you graduate and is an event filled with food, fun, and more, including possible competitive scholarship awards.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Benefit Eligibility</b>                                  | <p>Must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Be ILP-eligible (page 6) <b>AND</b></li> <li>▪ Be a graduating high school senior) <b>AND</b></li> <li>▪ Be planning to attend a vocational school, a two-year college, or a four-year college or university <b>AND</b></li> <li>▪ Have a cumulative GPA of 2.7999 or below</li> </ul> <p>This benefit is available to both DCFS and Probation cases.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Access to Benefit/ Action Steps to Receiving Benefit</b> | <p>If you wish to participate, please submit a package including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ A Senior Expense form with the school stamp or seal, signed by a school counselor and confirming that you are on track to graduate</li> <li>▪ Your seventh-semester high-school transcript</li> <li>▪ A page-and-a-half essay indicating your accomplishments</li> </ul> <p>The next submission deadline for Celebration II is April 28, 2023, but deadlines may change each year.</p> <p><b>HELPFUL LINKS</b></p> <p><b>ILP Website</b><br/> <a href="https://www.ilponline.org/Resources/Celebration">https://www.ilponline.org/Resources/Celebration</a></p> |
| <b>Length of Benefit</b>                                    | Graduation year in the summer of that year                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Benefit Amount</b>                                       | Depends on need and funding availability                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

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<b>Benefit Name</b>	<b>Independent Living Program (ILP) Tuition Assistance</b>
<b>Benefit Department</b>	Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS)
<b>Benefit Description</b>	After applying for financial aid through the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) (pages 40 and 42) or California DREAM Act Application (CADAA) (page 43), youth with unmet needs may qualify for funds to help pay for tuition, books, school supplies, and other fees/school-related items.
<b>Benefit Eligibility</b>	ILP-eligible youth (page 6) who have applied for FAFSA or CADAA
<b>Access to Benefit/ Action Steps to Receiving Benefit</b>	Discuss adding needs to your Transitional Independent Living Plan (TILP) with your social worker. (If you have issues with your TILP, tell the judge or your attorney.) You can also reach out to: <a href="https://www.ilponline.org/ContactILP/">https://www.ilponline.org/ContactILP/</a> <a href="mailto:youthds@dcfs.lacounty.gov">youthds@dcfs.lacounty.gov</a> 1933 S. Broadway St. 6th Floor Los Angeles, CA 90007 (877) 694-5441 (213) 763-6600 <b>ILP College Tuition</b> <a href="https://www.ilponline.org/Education/College">https://www.ilponline.org/Education/College</a> <b>TILP</b> <a href="https://www.ilponline.org/Documents/TILP.pdf">https://www.ilponline.org/Documents/TILP.pdf</a>
<b>Length of Benefit</b>	From age 16 through the day before your 21st birthday
<b>Benefit Amount</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Up to \$4,999 at college; amounts vary depending on how much funding is available</li> <li>▪ \$2,500 at technical/vocational school</li> </ul>

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| <b>Benefit Name</b>                                        | <b>Independent Living Program (ILP)<br/>Transportation Assistance for Out-of-State School</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Benefit Department</b>                                  | Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Benefit Description</b>                                 | After applying for financial aid through the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) (pages 40 and 42) or California DREAM Act Application (CADAA) (page 43), youth with unmet needs may qualify for funds to help pay for transportation assistance.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Benefit Eligibility</b>                                 | ILP-eligible youth (page 6) who have applied for FAFSA or CADAA                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Access to Benefit/Action Steps to Receiving Benefit</b> | <p>Discuss adding needs to your Transitional Independent Living Plan (TILP) with your social worker. (If you have issues with your TILP, tell the judge or your attorney.)</p> <p>You can also reach out to:<br/> <a href="https://www.ilponline.org/ContactILP/">https://www.ilponline.org/ContactILP/</a><br/> <a href="mailto:youthds@dcfs.lacounty.gov">youthds@dcfs.lacounty.gov</a><br/>                     1933 S. Broadway St. 6th Floor<br/>                     Los Angeles, CA 90007<br/>                     (877) 694-5441<br/>                     (213) 763-6600</p> <p><b>ILP College Tuition</b><br/> <a href="https://www.ilponline.org/Education/College">https://www.ilponline.org/Education/College</a></p> <p><b>TILP</b><br/> <a href="https://www.ilponline.org/Documents/TILP.pdf">https://www.ilponline.org/Documents/TILP.pdf</a></p> |
| <b>Length of Benefit</b>                                   | From age 16 through the day before your 21st birthday                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Benefit Amount</b>                                      | Varies                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |

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Benefit Name	Independent Living Program (ILP) Education Resources
<b>Benefit Department</b>	Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) Youth Development Services (YDS)
<b>Benefit Description</b>	<p>Comprehensive services and resources in the fundamental areas of education, workforce development, housing, and life skills to ensure child safety beyond childhood in an effort to successfully prepare Transition Age Youth (TAY) for independence and self-sufficiency.</p> <p>Items may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Tuition—colleges and universities/community colleges</li> <li>▪ Books and supplies</li> <li>▪ School/program fees</li> <li>▪ Exam fees (GED, SAT, ACT, etc.)</li> <li>▪ Clothing—educational</li> <li>▪ High school graduation expenses</li> <li>▪ GED/high school proficiency incentive</li> <li>▪ College tour</li> <li>▪ Scholarships</li> <li>▪ Fees—educational</li> <li>▪ College application fees</li> </ul>
<b>Benefit Eligibility</b>	<p>Youth are eligible for ILP services (page 6) from age 16 through the day before their 21st birthday, provided <b>one</b> of the following criteria is met:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The youth was/is in foster care at any time from age 16 through the day before their 19th birthday.</li> <li>▪ The youth was in foster care and entered a kinship guardianship at any age, and received/is receiving Kinship Guardianship Assistance Payments (Kin-GAP) between the ages of 16 and 18.</li> <li>▪ The youth is a former foster youth who entered a non-related legal guardianship (NRLG) after their 8th birthday and received/is receiving permanent placement services.</li> </ul>
<b>Access to Benefit/Action Steps to Receiving Benefit</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Submit a one-page Request for ILP Services form along with supporting documents to your ILP Transition Coordinator. Get their contact information from your assigned children’s social worker, by contacting Youth Development Services at (213) 351-0101, by accessing this website <a href="https://www.ilponline.org/">https://www.ilponline.org/</a></li> <li>▪ The ILP Transition Coordinator completes a Request for Funds packet and obtains the required signatures.</li> <li>▪ The approved document is then forwarded to the Department of Finance for processing.</li> <li>▪ The check/warrant is mailed to you or is available for pickup at Youth Development Services headquarters.</li> </ul>
<b>Length of Benefit</b>	See Benefit Eligibility above.
<b>Benefit Amount</b>	Based on need and funding availability

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<b>Benefit Name</b>	<b>Cal Grant A</b>
<b>Benefit Department</b>	California Student Aid Commission
<b>Benefit Description</b>	For low- to middle-income students with a minimum high school GPA of 3.00. May be used for an academic program that is two to four years in length. Can be used only for tuition and fees. If awarded at a California community college, the funds will be held in reserve up to two years until the student transfers to a four-year school.
<b>Benefit Eligibility</b>	<p>Must <b>meet</b> the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Submit the FAFSA (pages 40 and 42) or CADAA (page 43) application and your verified Cal Grant GPA by the deadline</li> <li>▪ Be a U.S. citizen or eligible noncitizen, or meet CADAA eligibility criteria</li> <li>▪ Be a California resident for one year</li> <li>▪ Attend a qualifying California college</li> <li>▪ Not have a bachelor’s or professional degree</li> <li>▪ Have financial need at the college of your choice</li> <li>▪ Have family income and assets below the minimum levels</li> <li>▪ Be enrolled or plan to enroll in a program leading to an undergraduate degree or certificate</li> <li>▪ Be enrolled or plan to enroll at least half-time</li> <li>▪ Have registered with the U.S. Selective Service, if required to do so</li> <li>▪ Not owe a refund on any state or federal grant or be in default on a student loan</li> <li>▪ Not be incarcerated</li> <li>▪ Maintain the Satisfactory Academic Progress standards as established by the school. Recipients who do not meet the standards are ineligible for Cal Grant payment and will not use eligibility during the terms they are ineligible for payment.</li> </ul>
<b>Access to Benefit/Action Steps to Receiving Benefit</b>	<p><b>HELPFUL LINKS</b></p> <p><b>FAFSA</b>  <a href="https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa">https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa</a></p> <p><b>Cal Grant Info</b>  <a href="https://www.csac.ca.gov/post/what-cal-grant-award">https://www.csac.ca.gov/post/what-cal-grant-award</a></p> <p><b>GPA Verification Form</b>  <a href="https://www.csac.ca.gov/sites/main/files/file-attachments/g4_gpa_form.pdf">https://www.csac.ca.gov/sites/main/files/file-attachments/g4_gpa_form.pdf</a></p>
<b>Length of Benefit</b>	Enrolled in a four-year university
<b>Benefit Amount</b>	<p>Every year up to age 26</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ \$12,630 max at a University of California campus</li> <li>▪ \$5,742 max at a California State University campus</li> <li>▪ \$9,084 at an independent college</li> </ul>

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<b>Benefit Name</b>	<b>Cal Grant B</b>
<b>Benefit Department</b>	California Student Aid Commission
<b>Benefit Description</b>	For low-income students with a minimum high school GPA of 2.00. May be used for an academic program that is at least one year in length. Includes an additional annual Access Award amount for living expenses. During sophomore through senior years, the student will receive tuition and fees plus the Access Award at tuition-charging institutions.
<b>Benefit Eligibility</b>	<p>Must <b>meet</b> the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ File the FAFSA (pages 40 and 42), or the CADAA, and the Cal Grant Grade Point Average Verification Form</li> <li>▪ Foster youth has not reached age 26 before July 1 of the award year</li> <li>▪ Be enrolled at least half-time (6 or more units)</li> <li>▪ Be a U.S. citizen, lawful permanent resident, <b>OR</b> qualify for the CADAA (page 43)</li> <li>▪ Be a California resident when you graduate from high school or earn your GED</li> <li>▪ Have at least a 2.0 GPA</li> <li>▪ Be enrolled in a two-year college or four-year university</li> </ul>
<b>Access to Benefit/Action Steps to Receiving Benefit</b>	<p>If applying to a community college, youth may apply for the grant up until September 2 if they were in care on or after their 13th birthday. Those students can apply up until their 26th birthday and maintain the grant for up to eight years instead of four.</p> <p><b>HELPFUL LINKS</b></p> <p><b>FAFSA</b>  <a href="https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa">https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa</a></p> <p><b>California DREAM Act</b>  <a href="https://dream.csac.ca.gov/">https://dream.csac.ca.gov/</a></p> <p><b>Cal Grant Info</b>  <a href="https://www.csac.ca.gov/post/what-cal-grant-award">https://www.csac.ca.gov/post/what-cal-grant-award</a></p> <p><b>GPA Verification Form</b>  <a href="https://www.csac.ca.gov/sites/main/files/file-attachments/g4_gpa_form.pdf">https://www.csac.ca.gov/sites/main/files/file-attachments/g4_gpa_form.pdf</a></p>
<b>Length of Benefit</b>	Up to eight years
<b>Benefit Amount</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ First-year students: \$1,672 max</li> <li>▪ Renew rewarded after first year: \$12, 630 max at a University of California campus</li> <li>▪ \$5,742 at a California State University campus</li> <li>▪ \$9,084 at an independent college</li> </ul> <p>Foster youth who were in care at least one day after the age of 13 can received up to \$6,000 for the Cal Grant Access Award for non-tuition costs that can be used at California public and private universities.</p> <p>Amounts vary from year to year.</p>

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<b>Benefit Name</b>	<b>Cal Grant C</b>
<b>Benefit Department</b>	California Student Aid Commission
<b>Benefit Description</b>	<p>For low- to middle-income students. No GPA requirement; however, a submitted GPA helps make your application competitive.</p> <p>For occupational/technical and non-transferring associate-degree program certificates and associate-degree programs of least four months to two years in length. Award amount assists with tuition and fees, and also includes an additional annual book-and-supplies amount.</p>
<b>Benefit Eligibility</b>	<p>Must <b>meet</b> the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ File the FAFSA (pages 40 and 42), or the CADAA, and the Cal Grant Grade Point Average Verification Form</li> <li>▪ Be enrolled at least half-time (6 or more units)</li> <li>▪ Be a U.S. citizen, lawful permanent resident, <b>OR</b> qualify for the CADAA (page 43)</li> <li>▪ Be a California resident when you graduate from high school or earn your GED</li> <li>▪ Be enrolled in technical or career education</li> </ul>
<b>Access to Benefit/Action Steps to Receiving Benefit</b>	<p><b>HELPFUL LINKS</b></p> <p><b>FAFSA</b>  <a href="https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa">https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa</a></p> <p><b>California DREAM Act</b>  <a href="https://dream.csac.ca.gov/">https://dream.csac.ca.gov/</a></p> <p><b>Cal Grant Info</b>  <a href="https://www.csac.ca.gov/post/what-cal-grant-award">https://www.csac.ca.gov/post/what-cal-grant-award</a></p> <p><b>GPA Verification Form</b>  <a href="https://www.csac.ca.gov/sites/main/files/file-attachments/g4_gpa_form.pdf">https://www.csac.ca.gov/sites/main/files/file-attachments/g4_gpa_form.pdf</a></p>
<b>Length of Benefit</b>	Two years
<b>Benefit Amount</b>	Amounts vary from year to year

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| Benefit Name                                        | Chafee Grant                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
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| Benefit Department                                  | California Student Aid Commission                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Benefit Description                                 | The John H. Chafee Foster Care Program for Successful Transition to Adulthood is a federally funded program for eligible current and former foster youth for career and technical training or college courses at California community colleges, California State universities, University of California campuses, career and technical schools, independent and private colleges, and schools in other states.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Benefit Eligibility                                 | <p>Must <b>meet</b> the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ A current or former foster who was a dependent or ward of the court, living in foster care for at least one day between the day of your 16th birthday to the day before your 19th birthday, with a financial need</li> <li>▪ Enrolled half-time in a post-secondary program (6 or more units)</li> <li>▪ Meet financial-aid academic progress as defined by your school</li> <li>▪ Minimum age 16 and have not reached your 26th birthday as of July 1 of the award year</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Access to Benefit/Action Steps to Receiving Benefit | <p>Submit the California Chafee Grant Application online at <a href="https://chafee.csac.ca.gov/SupportFiles/California_Chafee_Grant_Program_Application.pdf">https://chafee.csac.ca.gov/SupportFiles/California_Chafee_Grant_Program_Application.pdf</a>.</p> <p>Submit the FAFSA (pages 40 and 42) at <a href="https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa">https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa</a> or California DREAM Act (CADAA) (page 43) at <a href="https://dream.csac.ca.gov/">https://dream.csac.ca.gov/</a>.</p> <p><b>Satisfactory Academic Progress Exceptions to the Chafee Grant</b></p> <p>SB 150 allows foster youth to receive a Chafee grant for up to two years before losing access due to academic progress; it authorizes the California Student Aid Commission (CSAC) to over-award the number of Chafee grants to facilitate quicker disbursement.</p> |
| Length of Benefit                                   | Five years maximum (do not need to be consecutive years)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Benefit Amount                                      | Up to \$5,000 annually, based on funding availability and on financial need                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |

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| <b>Benefit Name</b>                                        | <b>California College Promise Grant<br/>(formerly the Board of Governors Fee Waiver)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Benefit Department</b>                                  | Office of the Chancellor of California Community Colleges                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Benefit Description</b>                                 | The Promise Grant is a fee waiver for enrollment fees at many California community colleges.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Benefit Eligibility</b>                                 | <p>Must meet <b>any</b> of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Enrolled in a California community college and have been determined to be a resident or exempt from non-resident fees under CADAA (page 43) AND have financial need, based on a financial-aid office review of FAFSA (pages 40 and 42)</li> <li>▪ Are receiving Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Supplemental Security Income/State Supplementary Payments (SSI/SSP), or General Assistance</li> </ul> <p>Current and former foster youth who receive this grant are eligible to continue receiving grant funds if they don't meet Satisfactory Academic Progress requirements.</p> |
| <b>Access to Benefit/Action Steps to Receiving Benefit</b> | <p>Apply for the California College Promise Grant by applying for FAFSA or CADAA (pages 40 and 42).</p> <p><b>HELPFUL LINKS</b></p> <p><a href="https://home.cccapply.org/money/california-college-promise-grant">https://home.cccapply.org/money/california-college-promise-grant</a></p> <p>Need help with the application process?<br/>Call (626) 914-8511</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Length of Benefit</b>                                   | Two years                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Benefit Amount</b>                                      | \$46 per unit covers cost of tuition                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |

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<b>Benefit Name</b>	<b>Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®)</b>	
<b>Benefit Department</b>	Federal Student Aid	
<b>Benefit Description</b>	This is financial aid from the federal government to help you pay for education expenses at an eligible college or career school. Different types of financial aid exist—grants (money you don’t have to pay back), loans (money you <u>do</u> have to pay back), and work-study (money from employment that you don’t have to pay back). You must complete the <a href="#">FAFSA form</a> to apply for this aid.	
<b>Benefit Eligibility</b>	<p>Must meet <b>any</b> of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Qualify to obtain a college or career school education, either by having a high school diploma <b>OR</b> a General Educational Development (GED) Certificate <b>OR</b></li> <li>▪ By completing a high school education in a home-school setting approved under state law</li> </ul> <p><b>AND</b> meet <b>any</b> of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Be enrolled or accepted for enrollment as a regular student in an eligible degree or certificate program <b>AND</b> have a valid Social Security number unless you are from the Republic of the Marshall Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, or the Republic of Palau, <b>AND</b> sign certifying statements stating that you are not in default on a federal student loan and do not owe a refund on a federal grant <b>AND</b> you will use federal student aid only for educational purposes <b>AND</b> maintain satisfactory academic progress in college or career school <b>AND</b> be a U.S. citizen or U.S. national by being born in the United States, American Samoa, or Swains Island, being born abroad to parents who are U.S. citizens, or if you have obtained citizenship status through naturalization</li> <li>▪ Have a GREEN CARD (Permanent Resident Card) if you have a Form I-551, I-151, or I-551C</li> <li>▪ Have an arrival-departure record that shows Refugee, Asylum Granted, Cuban-Haitian Entrant (Status Pending) <b>OR</b> Parolee</li> <li>▪ Have battered immigrant status by virtue of being a victim of abuse by your citizen or permanent-resident spouse, or you are the child of a person designated as such under the Violence Against Women Act</li> <li>▪ Have a T visa if you or your parent has a T1 visa</li> </ul> <p>Beginning August 16, 2021, youth with drug-related convictions are still eligible to apply for FAFSA.</p>	
<b>Access to Benefit/Action Steps to Receiving Benefit</b>	<p><b>HELPFUL LINKS</b></p> <p><b>Application</b>  <a href="https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa">https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa</a></p>	<p><b>Pell Grant Info</b>  <a href="https://www2.ed.gov/programs/fpg/index.html">https://www2.ed.gov/programs/fpg/index.html</a></p>

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Benefit Name	Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®)
Benefit Amount	Pell Grant—up to \$6,195 a year (additional \$3,098 if enrolled during the summer, depending on financial need and other factors) You can receive the Pell Grant for no more than 12 semesters. Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG)—between \$100 and \$4,000 a year Direct unsubsidized and subsidized loans for independent students: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ First year—\$9,500 (no more than \$3,500 may be subsidized loans)</li> <li>▪ Second year—\$10,500 (no more than \$4,500 may be subsidized loans)</li> <li>▪ Third year and beyond—\$12,500 (no more than \$5,500 may be subsidized loans)</li> <li>▪ Work-study—earning at least Federal minimum wage (specific amount based on time of application, level of financial need, and school’s funding level)</li> </ul>

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| Benefit Name                                        | Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®)<br>Independent Student                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
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| Benefit Department                                  | Federal Student Aid                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Benefit Description                                 | <p>If the current or former foster youth can answer “yes” to any part of either of these two questions, they may qualify for “Independent Student” status for purposes of the FAFSA application. The below questions only pertain to students until their 24th birthdays, after which all students are considered independent.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ At any time since the age of 13, were both your parents deceased, were you in foster care, or were you a dependent or ward of the court?</li> <li>▪ Does someone other than your parent or step-parent have legal guardianship of you, as determined by a court in your state of residence?</li> </ul> <p>Students who achieve independent status are not required to report the income of their biological parents, foster parents, grandparents/relatives, or legal guardians. As a result, students may qualify for more financial aid.</p> |
| Benefit Eligibility                                 | <p>Must submit the FAFSA and meet <b>any</b> of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Foster youth with an open dependency case in a legal guardianship, foster home, or group home</li> <li>▪ Foster youth with a case closed after the age of 13, including youth adopted at age 13 or older</li> <li>▪ You were in foster care or were a dependent or ward of the court for a minimum of one day after you turned 13</li> </ul> <p>After submitting their FAFSA, youth may be asked for a letter confirming their foster-care involvement after age 13. If the youth’s case is closed, they should contact the Foster Care Ombudsman’s Office at (877) 846-1602 or via e-mail at <a href="mailto:fosteryouthhelp@dss.ca.gov">fosteryouthhelp@dss.ca.gov</a> for the letter. Please contact your social worker or ILP Coordinator to verify your foster-youth status.</p>                          |
| Access to Benefit/Action Steps to Receiving Benefit | <p><b>HELPFUL LINKS</b></p> <p>FAFSA<br/> <a href="https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa">https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa</a></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Length of Benefit                                   | As long as youth is enrolled in higher education                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Benefit Amount                                      | Varies                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |

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Benefit Name	California DREAM Act Financial Aid
Benefit Department	California Student Aid Commission; state law (AB 540)
Benefit Description	<p>The California DREAM Act application allows undocumented and nonresident students (U.S. citizens and eligible non-citizens) who qualify for a nonresident exemption under Assembly Bill 540 (AB 540) to receive certain types of financial aid, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Private scholarships funded through public universities</li> <li>▪ State administered financial aid</li> <li>▪ University grants</li> <li>▪ Community College fee waivers</li> <li>▪ Cal Grants</li> </ul> <p>This application is unrelated to the federal Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program.</p>
Benefit Eligibility	<p>Must meet <b>any</b> of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Youth is not eligible to file the FAFSA (page 40) <b>AND</b> attended at least three full years in a California high school, adult school, or community college <b>OR</b></li> <li>▪ Has three years of California high school credits and three years of total attendance in any combination of elementary, secondary, or high school in California <b>AND</b> graduated from a California high school with the equivalent attainment of a General Education Development (GED), High School Equivalency Test (HiSET), Test Assessing Secondary Completion (TASC), or California High School Proficiency Examination (CHSPE) <b>OR</b> attained an associate degree from a California community college <b>OR</b> fulfilled the minimum transfer requirements from a California community college to a California State University (CSU) or University of California (UC) campus <b>AND</b>, if without lawful immigration status, the youth has filed a written statement confirmed by oath with their college stating that they have filed an application to legalize their immigration status, or will file an application as soon as they are eligible</li> <li>▪ Youth without Social Security numbers or youth who have lost DACA status (or never applied for DACA)</li> </ul> <p>Youth who achieve independent status are also eligible to apply.</p>
Access to Benefit/Action Steps to Receiving Benefit	<p><b>HELPFUL LINKS</b></p> <p><b>California DREAM Act</b>  <a href="https://dream.csac.ca.gov/">https://dream.csac.ca.gov/</a></p>
Length of Benefit	As long as youth is enrolled in higher education
Benefit Amount	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The loan may not exceed the financial need of the student.</li> <li>▪ No student may borrow more than \$4,000 under this program within a single academic year.</li> <li>▪ No student may borrow more than \$20,000 in the aggregate under the program from any one participating institution.</li> </ul>

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Benefit Name	NextUp
<b>Benefit Department</b>	California Community Colleges
<b>Benefit Description</b>	<p>NextUp provides participating current and former foster youth with support and resources while attending a California Community College. These supports and resources may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Books and supplies</li> <li>▪ Child care</li> <li>▪ Counseling and career guidance</li> <li>▪ Educational planning</li> <li>▪ Emergency housing</li> <li>▪ Food assistance</li> <li>▪ Health services</li> <li>▪ Life skills and financial orientation</li> <li>▪ Mental health services</li> <li>▪ Transportation assistance</li> <li>▪ Tutoring</li> </ul>
<b>Benefit Eligibility</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ A resident in California</li> <li>▪ Must be enrolled in 9 units</li> <li>▪ Qualify to receive a California College Promise Grant (low-income)</li> <li>▪ Be deemed educationally disadvantaged by the director of Extended Opportunity Programs and Services (EOPS)</li> <li>▪ Be a current or former foster youth in California whose dependency was established or continued by the court on or after the student’s 16th birthday and be younger than 26 years of age at the beginning of the academic school year.</li> <li>▪ Have that status confirmed by the State Foster Youth Ombudsman’s office via student request. (If colleges wish to obtain verification on behalf of students, they must first obtain a signed, legal release form from the student).</li> <li>▪ Have that status confirmed by the county of placement (child-welfare agency, independent-living program, or, if applicable, the probation agency) via a student-requested letter.</li> <li>▪ Have Chafee grant eligibility confirmation from the financial aid office</li> <li>▪ Priority enrollment is based on the foster youth’s status with the admissions and records office.</li> </ul>
<b>Access to Benefit/Action Steps to Receiving Benefit</b>	<p>Contact your EOPS counselor to apply.</p> <p><b>HELPFUL LINKS</b></p> <p><b>NextUp Website</b>  <a href="https://nextup.cccco.edu/">https://nextup.cccco.edu/</a></p>
<b>Length of Benefit</b>	Based on need and funding availability
<b>Benefit Amount</b>	Based on need and funding availability

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## Health

Benefit Name	Medi-Cal Program for Former Foster Youth
Benefit Department	Federal program (Medicaid)
Benefit Description	<p>The Affordable Care Act (ACA) requires states to provide youth under 26 with free health care if they were in foster care at age 18 or later. This ensures that former foster youth can access the health care services they need.</p> <p>Services include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Free medical care</li> <li>▪ Vision exams</li> <li>▪ Dental care</li> <li>▪ Substance abuse treatment</li> <li>▪ Mental health services that are available under Medi-Cal</li> </ul> <p>Youth under age 21 may qualify for some extra benefits such as braces and glasses.</p>
Benefit Eligibility	If you had an open DCFS case at age 18 or later, your Medi-Cal should continue until your 26th birthday.
Access to Benefit/Action Steps to Receiving Benefit	<p>If for some reason you are no longer on Medi-Cal, please contact your CSW immediately. The CSW should send the paperwork to Mei Li at the Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) who can be contacted at (909) 450-2473.</p> <p><b>HELPFUL LINKS</b></p> <p><b>Info</b>  <a href="http://www.coveredtil26.org/how-to-sign-up">http://www.coveredtil26.org/how-to-sign-up</a></p> <p><b>Apply Online</b>  <a href="http://www.coveredca.com">www.coveredca.com</a></p> <p><b>MC 250A Form</b>  <a href="https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/formsandpubs/forms/Forms/MCED/MC_Forms/MC250A_Eng.pdf">https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/formsandpubs/forms/Forms/MCED/MC_Forms/MC250A_Eng.pdf</a></p>
Length of Benefit	Youth in foster care on their 18th birthday or later (in any state or tribe) through the day before their 26th birthday

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## Workforce Development

| Benefit Name                                               | DCFS Youth Development Services<br>Workforce Development                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
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| <b>Benefit Department</b>                                  | Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS)<br>Youth Development Services (YDS)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Benefit Description</b>                                 | <p>Comprehensive services and resources in the fundamental areas of education, workforce development, housing, and life skills to ensure child safety beyond childhood to successfully prepare transition-age youth for independence and self-sufficiency. Items may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Jobs/skills training/development</li> <li>▪ Tools</li> <li>▪ Dues</li> <li>▪ Uniforms, work/interview clothing</li> <li>▪ Computer/printer</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Benefit Eligibility</b>                                 | <p>This program is available for DCFS transitional age youth (TAY) from age 16 through 23 within these subgroups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Age 16 through the day before your 21st birthday—ILP-eligible youth (page 6)</li> <li>▪ Age 18 through the day before your 21st birthday—AB 12—eligible youth (page 15)</li> <li>▪ Age 18 through the day before your 25th birthday—Young adults eligible for Transitional Housing Program-Plus (THP+) (page 24)</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Access to Benefit/Action Steps to Receiving Benefit</b> | <p>Submit a one-page Request for ILP Services form along with supporting documents to your ILP Transition Coordinator. Get their contact information from your assigned children’s social worker, by contacting Youth Development Services at (213) 351-0101, by accessing this website:<br/><a href="https://www.ilponline.org/">https://www.ilponline.org/</a></p> <p>The ILP Transition Coordinator completes a Request for Funds packet and obtains the required signatures. The approved document is forward to the P.L.E.A.S.E. Unit within the Department of Finance for processing.</p> <p>The check/warrant is mailed to you or is available for pickup at Youth Development Services headquarters.</p> <p>For any questions, contact:<br/><a href="mailto:youthds@dcfs.lacounty.gov">youthds@dcfs.lacounty.gov</a><br/>1933 S. Broadway St. 6th Floor<br/>Los Angeles, CA 90007<br/>(877) 694-5441<br/>(213) 763-6600<br/><a href="https://ilponline.org/ContactILP/">https://ilponline.org/ContactILP/</a></p> |
| <b>Length of Benefit</b>                                   | ILP benefits and services are available to youth from age 16 through the day before their 21st birthday                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Benefit Amount</b>                                      | Varies as determined by the item requested, the available ILP budget, and the youth’s unmet need                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |

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| Benefit Name                                               | Youth@Work                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
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| <b>Benefit Department</b>                                  | Los Angeles County Department of Economic Opportunity                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Benefit Description</b>                                 | <p>Three levels of services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Level I: Work-Based Learning (WBL) includes 20 hours of paid personal enrichment training in a classroom setting that prepares youth with fundamental skills—life skills, financial literacy, career exploration, work ethics, and goal-setting—that are essential for success in the 21st Century workplace. The remaining 140 hours of paid work experience occur at a work site in a public, nonprofit, or private organization that is part of a high-growth, in-demand industry sector. Upon completion WBL Services, each youth is assessed for the need of additional levels of service.</li> <li>▪ Level II: Academic and Career Development. Consists of comprehensive services that place youth firmly on a career path in a high-growth, in-demand industry sector. Each youth receives career planning and an individual plan with goals in education, academics, sector-driven job training, and/or employment. Additional services include, as needed, work experience, paid and unpaid internships, employment readiness workshops, financial literacy training, accelerated basic skills training, on-the-job training, pre-apprenticeships, tutoring, leadership opportunities, mentoring, career development, and entrepreneurial training and supportive services.</li> <li>▪ Level III: Advanced Career Services. Eligible youth ages 18 and older are offered additional, more rigorous career planning and training services, placement in advanced training, and/or attaining and retaining unsubsidized employment along the youth participant’s determined career path.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Benefit Eligibility</b>                                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Los Angeles County residents (all levels) ages: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ 14 to 24 (Level I)</li> <li>♦ 16 to 24 (Level II)</li> <li>♦ 18 and above (Level III)</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Have the right to work in the United States (all levels) <b>AND</b></li> <li>▪ Register for Selective Service if male and at least 17 years of age (Levels II and III)</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Access to Benefit/Action Steps to Receiving Benefit</b> | <p>Y@W services are available countywide through the America’s Job Centers of California including YouthSource and One Stop Centers. Walk-ins are always welcome. Find contact information for the AJCC nearest you at: <a href="https://www.careeronestop.org/LocalHelp/AmericanJobCenters/find-american-job-centers.aspx">https://www.careeronestop.org/LocalHelp/AmericanJobCenters/find-american-job-centers.aspx</a></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |

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| Benefit Name                                               | Countywide Youth Bridges Program through Youth@Work                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
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| <b>Benefit Department</b>                                  | All County Departments   Los Angeles County Department of Economic Opportunity (lead)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Benefit Description</b>                                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Through Y@W Level I, youth are eligible for 160 hours of paid work experience and soft-skills training. After they complete 20 hours of Personal Enrichment Training, youth participating in the Countywide Youth Bridges Program (CYBP) are assigned to a County department for paid work experience.</li> <li>▪ After 120-hours in CYBP (Step 1), youth receive a CYBP certificate qualifying them to apply for the countywide Youth Worker position. This one-year full-time paid internship in a County department (Step 2) provides the youth with medical and dental benefits, paid vacations and holidays, and technical job training and guidance on workplace behavior, competencies, individual responsibilities, and the development of occupational skill sets.</li> <li>▪ Upon their completion of the one-year full-time paid internship, Youth Workers are eligible to compete for permanent County positions specifically tailored to those that have participated in this program (Step 3).</li> </ul> <p>The Los Angeles County Department of Human Resources works with each department to facilitate the development of work plans and overall implementation of CYBP within their respective agencies.</p> |
| <b>Benefit Eligibility</b>                                 | <p><b>Step 1</b>—Priority youth populations ages 16–24: CalWORKs or Cal-Learn participants, probation, foster, homeless, from a low-income household, systems-affected, LGBTQ+</p> <p><b>Step 2</b>—Must be at least 18 years of age and not older than 24 at time of onboarding; must complete the 120 hours of work experience at a County facility and receive the CYBP certificate. Youth must also meet the minimum requirements for the Youth Worker position set forth by the job bulletin.</p> <p><b>Step 3</b>—Must be 18 years or older. Upon completion of the 12-month internship, Youth Workers are eligible to compete for permanent County positions specifically tailored to those who have participated in CYBP, as well as other County positions as they become available.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Access to Benefit/Action Steps to Receiving Benefit</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Visit your local <a href="#">America’s Job Center of CA</a> location or other Youth@Work provider and tell them you’re interested in CYBP.</li> <li>▪ Ask your caregiver, CSW, or ILP Coordinator to refer you directly through the Department of Children and Families’ Youth Development Services (YDS) section.</li> <li>▪ Complete the online registration form <a href="#">Youth at Work (lacounty.gov)</a>.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Length of Benefit</b>                                   | <p style="text-align: center;">Step 1: 160 hours<br/>Step 2: One-year full-time internship</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Benefit Amount</b>                                      | The pay rate is \$16.04 per hour as of July 1, 2022.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |

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| Benefit Name                                        | Philip L. Browning Youth Worker Program                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
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| Benefit Department                                  | Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS)<br>Youth Development Services (YDS)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Benefit Description                                 | This is an 18-month, part-time, paid work-experience internship. Youth are assigned to various DCFS offices, typically in a front desk/office helper capacity. Twice-monthly trainings are held to support youth and assist with transition to other County workforce programs or continued higher education. Only 17 youth are admitted for each 18-month cohort.                                                                                     |
| Benefit Eligibility                                 | ILP-eligible youth (page 6) age 16 through the day before their 21st birthday                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Access to Benefit/Action Steps to Receiving Benefit | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Apply at <a href="http://hr.lacounty.gov/">http://hr.lacounty.gov/</a>.</li> <li>▪ Take the County Career Development Intern Human Resources examination.</li> <li>▪ Receive score based on exam results.</li> <li>▪ Attend interview.</li> <li>▪ Accept placement.</li> </ul> <p>For questions, please e-mail JacQueline Bowen at <a href="mailto:bowenj@dcfs.lacounty.gov">bowenj@dcfs.lacounty.gov</a></p> |
| Length of Benefit                                   | 18 months                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Benefit Amount                                      | \$13.25 per hour for 20 hours per week                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

| Benefit Name                                        | Career Development Intern Program                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
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| Benefit Department                                  | Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS)<br>Youth Development Services (YDS)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Benefit Description                                 | Full-time, paid work-experience internship. Youth are assigned to various DCFS offices, typically in an office helper capacity. Twice-monthly, day-long trainings are held to support youth and assist with transition to a permanent employment; 25 youth participate in each cohort.                                                                                                  |
| Benefit Eligibility                                 | ILP-eligible youth (page 6) age 18 through the day before their 26th birthday                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Access to Benefit/Action Steps to Receiving Benefit | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Apply at <a href="https://hr.lacounty.gov/career-development-internships/">https://hr.lacounty.gov/career-development-internships/</a>.</li> <li>▪ Take the County Career Development Intern Human Resources examination.</li> <li>▪ Receive score based on exam results.</li> <li>▪ Attend interview.</li> <li>▪ Accept placement.</li> </ul> |
| Length of Benefit                                   | 24 months                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Benefit Amount                                      | \$2,558.42 per month plus medical and dental benefits for the intern and his or her immediate family, and paid vacation, paid holidays, sick leave, and leave if you lose a loved one                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

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| Benefit Name                                        | Bridge-to-Work Program                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
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| Benefit Department                                  | Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS)<br>Youth Development Services (YDS)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Benefit Description                                 | This is a 400-hour paid work experience program with 40 hours of pre-work training. Contractors are countywide through a partnership with the Department of Public Social Services and the South Bay Workforce Development Board.                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Benefit Eligibility                                 | ILP-eligible youth (page 6) age 16 through the day before your 21st birthday                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Access to Benefit/Action Steps to Receiving Benefit | ILP Coordinator submits a one-page referral form to <a href="mailto:ilp.jobs@dcfs.lacounty.gov">ilp.jobs@dcfs.lacounty.gov</a> .<br>You can also contact the following with any questions:<br><a href="mailto:youthds@dcfs.lacounty.gov">youthds@dcfs.lacounty.gov</a><br>1933 S. Broadway St. 6th Floor<br>Los Angeles, CA 90007<br>(877) 694-5441<br>(213) 763-6600<br><a href="https://ilponline.org/ContactILP/">https://ilponline.org/ContactILP/</a> |
| Length of Benefit                                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ For youth ages 16–17: 160 hours of paid work experience</li> <li>▪ For youth ages 18–20: 400 hours of paid work experience</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Benefit Amount                                      | Earn between \$2,120 and \$5,300                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |

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<b>Benefit Name</b>	<b>Bridge-to-Work Foster Program</b>
<b>Benefit Department</b>	Los Angeles County Probation Department
<b>Benefit Description</b>	The Bridge-to-Work-Foster program works with foster youth that are eligible to enroll in ILP (page 6) and aims to encourage them to stay in school, teaches youth how to navigate workplaces, and gets them started on a path to a high-wage career. The program consists of a 30-hour course that will help you build basic skills, find career interests, and match you with a PAID work assignment.
<b>Benefit Eligibility</b>	Age 16 through the day before your 21st birthday
<b>Access to Benefit/Action Steps to Receiving Benefit</b>	For information, contact the nearest ILP Probation Officer at <a href="https://www.ilponline.org/">https://www.ilponline.org/</a> . You can also contact the following with any questions: <a href="mailto:youthds@dcfs.lacounty.gov">youthds@dcfs.lacounty.gov</a> 1933 S. Broadway St. 6th Floor Los Angeles, CA 90007 (877) 694-5441 (213) 763-6600 <a href="https://ilponline.org/ContactILP/">https://ilponline.org/ContactILP/</a>
<b>Length of Benefit</b>	Varies; you will have access to a 30-hour course and be matched with a PAID work assignment
<b>Benefit Amount</b>	Earn up to \$1,680 to \$4,200

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## Expecting and Parenting Youth

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| <b>Benefit Name</b>                                             | <b>Expectant Parent Payment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Benefit Department</b>                                       | Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Benefit Description</b>                                      | Funds are available for pregnant youth in foster care to prepare for the birth of the child.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Benefit Eligibility</b>                                      | \$900.00 per month in the 7th, 8th, and 9th month of pregnancy is available to pregnant youth in foster care, The funding is paid directly to the minor or non-minor dependent (NMD) residing in a Supervised Independent Living Program (SILP). Regardless of her placement, the youth should be given the Expectant Parent Payment to purchase needed baby items and prepare for the birth of her child. |
| <b>Access to Benefit/<br/>Action Steps to Receiving Benefit</b> | To receive EPP, provide your social worker with a copy of an official medical record, given to you by a health care provider, containing both a verification of pregnancy and the expected delivery date.<br><br><b>HELPFUL LINKS</b><br><a href="https://dcfs.lacounty.gov/youth/teen-parenting/">https://dcfs.lacounty.gov/youth/teen-parenting/</a>                                                     |
| <b>Length of Benefit</b>                                        | Up through age 21                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Benefit Amount</b>                                           | \$900/month in the 7th, 8th, and 9th month of pregnancy                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |

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<b>Benefit Name</b>	<b>Infant Supplement</b>
<b>Benefit Department</b>	Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services
<b>Benefit Description</b>	Funds are available to a parenting youth in foster care once the infant is born (and remains under their care) to cover the additional cost of providing food, clothing, and shelter for an infant.
<b>Benefit Eligibility</b>	<p>\$900.00 per month is provided after the birth of the non-detained infant of a parenting youth in foster care. The Infant Supplement (IS) is paid to the caregiver or transitional housing provider if the youth is in placement; a portion of it may be directly given to youth residing in transitional housing. Parenting non-minor dependents (NMDs) residing in a Supervised Independent Living Placement (SILP) receive the IS directly, with their foster-care payment. DCFS should also ensure that the non-detained children of parenting foster youth have Medi-Cal.</p> <p>A parenting non-minor dependent (NMD) youth who is not living in an approved placement and therefore is not receiving funding can apply for CalWORKs (page 58) until such time as she is receiving foster-care funding and the Infant Supplement; a youth cannot receive both CalWORKs and the Infant Supplement (IS).</p>
<b>Access to Benefit/ Action Steps to Receiving Benefit</b>	<p>For IS, contact your social worker to submit a referral to initiate Infant Supplement payments, as well as Medi-Cal coverage for your infant.</p> <p><b>HELPFUL LINKS</b>  <a href="https://dcfs.lacounty.gov/youth/teen-parenting/">https://dcfs.lacounty.gov/youth/teen-parenting/</a></p>
<b>Length of Benefit</b>	Ongoing
<b>Benefit Amount</b>	\$900/month

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| <b>Benefit Name</b>                                             | <b>Parenting Support Plan</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Benefit Department</b>                                       | California Department of Social Services<br>Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Benefit Description</b>                                      | <p>The California Department of Social Services provides an additional \$200 in addition to the Infant Supplement (page 52) paid to non-minor dependent (NMD) parents residing in a supervised independent living placement (SILP), upon completion of certain requirements. Like the \$200 payment available to a caregiver if they are a certified Whole Family Foster Home (WFFH) (page 55) who enters into a Shared Responsibility Plan (SRP) with the teen parent, this is a similar opportunity for a NMD parent living in a SILP to obtain an extra payment by entering into a Parenting Support Plan (PSP) with an identified responsible adult mentor.</p> <p>The PSP will identify significant supports to assist the NMD parent in developing the skills necessary to provide a safe, stable, and permanent home for their child; to assist the NMD parent in a SILP in providing the best care plan for their child (WIC §16501.26); to detail the ways that the adult mentor will assist the NMD parent; and to identify supportive services to be offered to the NMD parent.</p> |
| <b>Benefit Eligibility</b>                                      | This benefit is available for NMD parents residing in a SILP upon completion of certain requirements.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Access to Benefit/<br/>Action Steps to Receiving Benefit</b> | <p>Please talk with your social worker or ILP Coordinator for more information.</p> <p>To find your ILP coordinator, e-mail or call:<br/> <a href="mailto:youthds@dcsf.lacounty.gov">youthds@dcsf.lacounty.gov</a><br/>                     1933 S. Broadway St. 6th Floor<br/>                     Los Angeles, CA 90007<br/>                     (877) 694-5441<br/>                     (213) 763-6600</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Length of Benefit</b>                                        | While an NMD parent is placed in a SILP                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Benefit Amount</b>                                           | \$200/month                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |

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<b>Benefit Name</b>	<b>Whole Family Foster Home</b>
<b>Benefit Department</b>	State of California   Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services
<b>Benefit Description</b>	<p>Whole Family Foster Home (WFFH) was created specifically for pregnant and parenting foster youth whose child is not a dependent of the court. The intent is to keep teen parents with their children and out of the foster-care system by helping them develop skills to provide a safe, stable, and permanent home for their children. This is achieved through extra support services from the DCFS and other programs throughout Los Angeles County.</p> <p>A WFFH certified caregiver and the teen parent have the option to develop a Shared Responsibility Plan (SRP). The SRP is created to help develop the parent-child bond, assist the teen parent in their transition to independence, and create a successful, supportive, and nurturing placement for both the teen parent and the child. In addition, the SRP provides clear, realistic guidelines for both the teen parent and the adult caregiver as to the responsibilities of each.</p> <p>The caregiver receives an additional \$200 a month in SRP rate, which is available for each non-dependent child for whom an SRP has been developed.</p>
<b>Benefit Eligibility</b>	<p>A WFFH can be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ A new or established resource-family home</li> <li>▪ An approved relative caregiver’s <b>OR</b> a non-relative extended family member's home</li> <li>▪ The home of a nonrelated legal guardian whose guardianship was established pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code §366.26 or §360</li> <li>▪ A certified home of a foster-family agency (FFA)</li> </ul>
<b>Access to Benefit/ Action Steps to Receiving Benefit</b>	Please contact your social worker if you are interested in a WFFH placement.
<b>Length of Benefit</b>	Until the foster-youth parent exits the system
<b>Benefit Amount</b>	Provides for an additional \$200.00 per month to foster parents who complete a training, take in a youth and their baby, and develop an SRP.

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| Benefit Name                                                | Emergency Child Care Bridge Program                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
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| <b>Benefit Department</b>                                   | State of California   Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Benefit Description</b>                                  | The Emergency Child Care Bridge Program provides short-term child-care vouchers for working resource parents who request child care as a condition of foster placement <b>OR</b> to preserve an existing foster placement; <b>AND</b> for parenting teens enrolled in school or a vocational training program. If these time-limited emergency child-care vouchers are issued, child-care systems navigators will work to identify long-term subsidized or unsubsidized child-care options to which resource parents can be transitioned.                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Benefit Eligibility</b>                                  | <p>This program is available to the following caregivers with DCFS-placed children ages birth to five years and their siblings:*</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Resource parents pending Resource Family Application (RFA) approval, who already have a child placement</li> <li>▪ Existing resource parents (including FFA-certified) who already have a child placement or are considering a placement</li> <li>▪ Parenting teens/non-minor dependents under DCFS supervision</li> </ul> <p><i>*On a case-by-case basis, consideration will also be given to children up to age 12, children with exceptional needs, and/or severely disabled children/youth/NMDs up to age 21.</i></p>            |
| <b>Access to Benefit/ Action Steps to Receiving Benefit</b> | The young child’s social worker must refer caregivers to the Emergency Child Care Bridge Program.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Length of Benefit</b>                                    | Families may receive a time-limited child care voucher to assist with child care costs for foster children birth through age 12, and for youth with exceptional needs up to age 21. A voucher may be issued for up to six months until the child is successfully transitioned into long-term, subsidized child care. Eligibility may be extended an additional six-months at the discretion of the County.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Benefit Amount</b>                                       | Child care is approved for up to six months with a possible six-month extension, for a total of 12 months, during which a child-care systems navigator works with the resource parent to transition the same child-care provider to an alternative long-term child-care subsidy <b>OR</b> to identify another child-care provider who can serve the child in the long term. The child-care systems navigator will make every effort to ensure continuity of child care with the same provider. However, once the full 12 months of Emergency Child Care Bridge Program eligibility are exhausted, it is possible that a new long-term child-care option with another child-care provider will have to be explored. |

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<b>Benefit Name</b>	<b>Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)</b>
<b>Benefit Department</b>	Federal grant program administered through the California Department of Public Health   Los Angeles County Department of Public Social Services
<b>Benefit Description</b>	The Special Supplement Nutrition Program for Women, Infant and Children (WIC) is a federal grant program that provides free food and nutrition education for pregnant, postpartum, and breastfeeding women, infants, and children up to age 5 who have a low income (up to 185% of the federal poverty level) and are at nutritional risk.
<b>Benefit Eligibility</b>	<p>WIC is for all types of families: married and single parents, working or not working. If you are a father, mother, grandparent, foster parent, or other guardian of a child under five, you can apply for WIC. You can also apply if you are pregnant or had a pregnancy loss within the last 6 months. In order to be eligible for WIC, you must:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Be in one of the following groups: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Pregnant women</li> <li>♦ Breastfeeding women up to one year after the birth of the baby (postpartum)</li> <li>♦ Non-breastfeeding women up to six months after the birth of the baby</li> <li>♦ Women who have lost a pregnancy within the past six months</li> <li>♦ Infants and children under five years old</li> <li>♦ Foster children under five years old</li> <li>♦ Single fathers, grandparents, and other legal guardians of children age five years or younger may receive benefits for eligible infants/children</li> <li>♦ Families living in the U.S.</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. Meet the income guidelines in this table: <a href="#">WIC Income Guidelines &amp; Requirements - CA   PHFE WIC</a></li> </ol>
<b>Access to Benefit/ Action Steps to Receiving Benefit</b>	<p>Start the enrollment process by answering a few questions on the <a href="#">Apply for WIC page</a>. A WIC representative will contact you for more information. While offices remain closed to the public, <b>all appointments and benefits are being provided virtually (by phone)</b>. You are asked prepared to provide required paperwork during your phone appointment, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Identification (example: driver’s license, state ID, immunization card, birth certificate, Medi-Cal/Medicaid card, etc.)</li> <li>▪ Proof of address (example: any piece of mail with your name and current address, rent receipt, bill, Medi-Cal/Medicaid card, CalFresh/SNAP letter)</li> <li>▪ Proof of income (example: pay stub, disability/unemployment letter, active Medi-Cal/Medicaid card, CalFresh/SNAP letter)</li> <li>▪ WIC referral form completed by health care provider or doctor, if available</li> </ul> <p><b>HELPFUL LINKS</b>      <a href="#">Apply for WIC Online - Sign Up Here   PHFE WIC</a></p>
<b>Length of Benefit</b>	WIC is a short-term program. Therefore, a participant will "graduate" at the end of one or more certification periods. A certification period is the length of time a WIC participant is eligible to receive benefits. Depending on whether the individual is pregnant, postpartum, breastfeeding, an infant, or a child, an eligible individual usually receives WIC benefits from 6 months to a year, at which time s/he must reapply.
<b>Benefit Amount</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ \$24 each month for children ages 1–4</li> <li>▪ \$43 each month for pregnant and postpartum participants</li> <li>▪ \$47 each month for breastfeeding and chestfeeding postpartum participants</li> </ul>

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<b>Benefit Name</b>	<b>CalWORKs (California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids)</b>
<b>Benefit Department</b>	State of California/Los Angeles County Department of Public Social Services (DPSS)
<b>Benefit Description</b>	CalWORKs is an entitlement established to provide cash aid and services to eligible families that have a child or children in the home. Most parenting non-minor dependents (NMDs) should receive the Infant Supplement; they are eligible for CalWORKs only if they are <u>not</u> getting the Infant Supplement. There are penalties if both benefits (Infant Supplement and CalWORKs) are accessed simultaneously.
<b>Benefit Eligibility</b>	<p><b>CalWORKs Eligibility for Non-Minor Dependents</b></p> <p>CalWORKs is available to non-minor dependents (NMDs or youth who are in foster care after their 18th birthday) only if they are not being funded for their current placement. As soon as a placement is approved, the NMD must disenroll from CalWORKs. Biological parents who have an open case but still have their children in their physical care at least 50% of the time may also apply for CalWORKs. To be eligible, NMDs must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Reside in California and intend to stay</li> <li>▪ Have a child or be pregnant</li> <li>▪ Be a United States citizen or a lawful immigrant</li> <li>▪ Have a Social Security number or have applied for one</li> <li>▪ Have a low monthly income</li> <li>▪ Have less than \$2,250 in cash, bank accounts, and other resources (\$3,500 if disabled or 60 years or older)</li> </ul> <p><b>Cal-WORKS Eligibility for Expecting/Parenting Youth</b></p> <p>To be eligible for CalWORKs, a foster youth <b>must</b> have a child in their care at least 50% of the time. In addition, a CalWORKs applicant must meet the residency, income, and resource requirements of the program.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Reside in California and intend to stay</li> <li>▪ Have child or be pregnant</li> <li>▪ Be a United States citizen or a lawful immigrant</li> <li>▪ Have a Social Security number or have applied for one</li> <li>▪ Have a low monthly income</li> <li>▪ Have less than \$2,250 in cash, bank accounts, and other resources (\$3,500 if disabled or 60 years or older)</li> </ul>
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<b>Length of Benefit</b>	Ongoing
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## **Benefits and Entitlements Available After Exiting the Child Welfare System**

## Basic Living

Benefit Name	Adoption Assistance Program (AAP)
<b>Benefit Department</b>	Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS)
<b>Benefit Description</b>	The Adoption Assistance Program (AAP) provides financial and medical coverage to facilitate the adoption of children who otherwise would remain in long-term foster care. The adoptive family is eligible for post-adoption services that may include resource and referral connections, brief case management, and crisis intervention. Youth adopted after their 16th birthday are also eligible for Independent Living Program (ILP) services (page 6), except for housing assistance. AAP funding is paid only to an adoptive parent.
<b>Benefit Eligibility</b>	<p>Please review the DCFS AAP policy for more information on eligibility:  <a href="http://m.policy.dcfs.lacounty.gov/Src/Content/Initiating_Adoption_Ass.htm">http://m.policy.dcfs.lacounty.gov/Src/Content/Initiating_Adoption_Ass.htm</a>.</p> <p>Once youth are determined eligible to receive AAP benefits, they remain eligible and the subsidy continues through the day before the child/youth’s 18th birthday.</p> <p>AAP benefits can be continued through the day before the youth’s 21st birthday if he or she meets at least <b>one</b> of the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The initial adoption assistance agreement was signed when the youth was at least 16 years old <b>AND</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Youth is working toward completing high school or equivalent program <b>OR</b></li> <li>b. Youth is enrolled in a college, community college, or a vocational education program <b>OR</b></li> <li>c. Youth is employed at least 80 hours per month <b>OR</b></li> <li>d. Youth is participating in a program designed to assist in gaining employment <b>OR</b></li> <li>e. Youth is unable to do one of the above due to a medical condition</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Youth has a physical or mental disability that warrants the continuation of assistance (through the day before the youth’s 21st birthday)</li> </ol>
<b>Access to Benefit/Action Steps to Receiving Benefit</b>	<p>AAP benefits are negotiated by the children’s social worker (CSW) with the adoptive parent(s) before the parent(s) sign an adoptive placement agreement with DCFS and before finalizing the adoption. The CSW makes the final determination of the amount of the AAP benefit, which is based upon the youth’s needs and the circumstances of the adoptive parent(s). The AAP agreement <b>must</b> be signed before the adoption is finalized.</p> <p>The extension of AAP benefits beyond age 18 depends on the adoptive parents requesting the benefit extension <b>before</b> the child/youth's 18th birthday by <b>BOTH</b>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Calling the Foster Care/Adoption Assistance Hotline at (800) 697-4444 <b>AND</b></li> <li>▪ Providing documentation to DCFS of the child/youth's eligibility (see Benefit Eligibility)</li> </ul> <p>AAP must be recertified at least every two years.</p> <p>Questions? Contact your CSW/minor’s attorney or call the Alliance for Children’s Rights at (213) 368-6010.</p>
<b>Length of Benefit</b>	AAP benefits start on the date the AAP agreement is signed and continue until the day before the youth’s 18th birthday. If the criteria are met for the two situations described above (reference 1 and 2 in “Benefit Eligibility”), the youth can continue to receive benefits through the day before the youth’s 21st birthday.
<b>Benefit Amount</b>	<p>Amount shall not exceed the foster-care maintenance payment and any applicable Level of Care (LOC) rate and/or specialized care increment that the child would have received while placed in a licensed or approved family home.</p> <p>The benefit amount does not increase by age; however, AAP benefits can be increased at any time if the child’s needs or family’s situation changes. Documentation must be presented to justify any increase.</p>

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<b>Benefit Name</b>	<b>CalFresh</b>
<b>Benefit Department</b>	Federal program administered through the State of California and the Los Angeles County Department of Public Social Services (DPSS)
<b>Benefit Description</b>	CalFresh is the California name for the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), an entitlement established to improve the nutrition of people in low-income households. CalFresh benefits are used instead of money at most grocery stores and farmers' markets.
<b>Benefit Eligibility</b>	<p>Eligibility for CalFresh benefits is based on the income of a household.</p> <p><b>Household</b> For CalFresh purposes, a household is a group of people who live together <b>AND</b> buy and prepare food together. Youth under age 18 who are living with a foster family or with their biological family cannot apply for CalFresh separately from the family. In households in which meals are purchased and prepared together (i.e., Resource Family homes), non-minor dependents (NMDs) may not apply for CalFresh separately from their household. Instead, the head of household may apply for CalFresh on behalf of the entire household. In households in which meals are purchased and prepared separately (i.e., THP-NMD, renting a room in a SILP), non-minor dependents (NMDs) may apply for CalFresh as a separate household.</p> <p><b>Income</b> CalFresh eligibility is based on the total income a household has. If a non-minor dependent is receiving Supervised Independent Living Placement (SILP) benefits, the SILP benefits count as income.</p> <p>Youth in many different placement types can apply for CalFresh, including youth living in transitional housing. However, youth living in Short-Term Residential Treatment Programs (STRTPs) or Qualified Residential Treatment Programs (QRTPs) are not eligible for CalFresh.</p> <p><b>Students</b> Persons may also be eligible if they meet the following CalFresh Student Eligibility requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Age: from your 18th birthday through the day before your 49th birthday</li> <li>▪ Be enrolled at least half-time in an institution of higher education</li> </ul> <p><u>CalFresh Student Exemption Criteria</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Employed for a minimum of 20 hours per week</li> <li>▪ Approved for work/study for the current term and anticipate working during the school term</li> <li>▪ A parent with a dependent child under age 6</li> <li>▪ A parent with a dependent child ages 6 to 12 <b>AND</b> a lack of adequate child care preventing from attending class and working 20 hours per week or participating in work/study</li> <li>▪ Enrolled full-time in a higher-education institution <b>AND</b> a single parent with a dependent child under age 12</li> <li>▪ Participating in Extended Foster Care</li> <li>▪ Receiving a Cal Grant A or B at a community college, California State University, or University of California; unmarried, 25 years or younger; and income of less than \$50,000 per year</li> <li>▪ Receiving a Chafee Education and Training Voucher</li> <li>▪ Participating in a foster-youth campus support program (i.e., Guardian Scholars, FYSI, CAFYES/NextUp</li> <li>▪ Participating in a campus support program (i.e., EOPS, EOP, CARE, McNair, Puente Project, MESA)</li> <li>▪ Participating in a Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) program</li> <li>▪ Those who are physically or mentally unfit for employment</li> </ul>

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<b>Benefit Name</b>	<b>CalFresh</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ High school students</li> <li>▪ Those enrolled in higher-education institutions less than half time as defined by the institution</li> <li>▪ Those enrolled in schools and training programs that are not institutions of higher education</li> </ul>
<b>Access to Benefit/Action Steps to Receiving Benefit</b>	<p>Talk to your social worker or Independent Living Program (ILP) coordinator to find out how to apply for CalFresh. Call (213) 763-6600 between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on normal business days, or e-mail <a href="mailto:youthds@dcs.lacounty.gov">youthds@dcs.lacounty.gov</a> to ask questions. During non-business hours, call (877) 694-5441. Visit this website for more contact information: <a href="https://ilponline.org/ContactILP/">https://ilponline.org/ContactILP/</a>.</p> <p>You may also call DPSS’s customer service line at (866) 613-3777.</p> <p><b>HELPFUL LINKS</b></p> <p>Applicants may also apply directly at <a href="https://yourbenefits.lacrs.org/ybn/Index.html">https://yourbenefits.lacrs.org/ybn/Index.html</a></p> <p><b>CalFresh Info</b>  <a href="https://jbay.org/resources/faq-non-minor-dependents-calfresh/">https://jbay.org/resources/faq-non-minor-dependents-calfresh/</a></p>
<b>Length of Benefit</b>	Ongoing
<b>Benefit Amount</b>	Varies

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## Housing

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| <b>Benefit Name</b>                                        | <b>Coordinated Entry System for Youth</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Benefit Department</b>                                  | Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Benefit Description</b>                                 | The Coordinated Entry System for Youth (Youth CES) is a regionally coordinated, client-centered system that streamlines access to developmentally appropriate housing and support services for youth and young adults.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Benefit Eligibility</b>                                 | <p>Must <b>meet</b> the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Age 16 through the day before your 24th birthday</li> <li>▪ Have your case closed by DCFS or being closed within 90 days</li> <li>▪ Located in Los Angeles County</li> <li>▪ Experiencing homelessness or housing insecurity</li> <li>▪ Completes Youth CES Next Step Tool with relevant youth coordinator</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Access to Benefit/Action Steps to Receiving Benefit</b> | <p>Contact your CES Access Center based on your Service Planning Area (SPA).</p> <p><b>SPA 1:</b> Volunteers of America (661) 952-7095</p> <p><b>SPA 2:</b> Volunteers of America (818) 623-0209</p> <p><b>SPA 3:</b> Youth Moving On (626) 765-6010</p> <p><b>SPA 4:</b> LA LGBT Center (323) 860-2280; <b>AND</b><br/>My Friend’s Place (323) 908-0011 ext. 128 <b>OR</b> (323) 908-0011 ext. 117</p> <p><b>SPA 5:</b> Safe Place for Youth (323) 902-2283</p> <p><b>SPA 6:</b> Coalition for Responsible Development (323) 432-2440</p> <p><b>SPA 7:</b> Jovenes, Inc. (213) 926-4158</p> <p><b>SPA 8:</b> Sanctuary of Hope (424) 374-8038</p> <p>If you need help determining your SPA, click the link below and enter your address.</p> <p><b>SPA Locator</b><br/><a href="http://gis.lacounty.gov/districtlocator/">http://gis.lacounty.gov/districtlocator/</a></p> |
| <b>Length of Benefit</b>                                   | Based on need                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Benefit Amount</b>                                      | N/A                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |

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## Education

Benefit Name	Cal Grant A
<b>Benefit Department</b>	California Student Aid Commission
<b>Benefit Description</b>	For low- to middle-income students with a minimum high school GPA of 3.00. May be used for an academic program that is two to four years in length. Can be used only for tuition and fees. If awarded at a California community college, the funds will be held in reserve up to two years until the student transfers to a four-year school.
<b>Benefit Eligibility</b>	<p>Must <b>meet</b> the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Submit the FAFSA (pages 40 and 42) or CADAA (page 43) application and your verified Cal Grant GPA by the deadline</li> <li>▪ Be a U.S. citizen or eligible noncitizen, or meet CADAA eligibility criteria</li> <li>▪ Be a California resident for one year</li> <li>▪ Attend a qualifying California college</li> <li>▪ Not have a bachelor's or professional degree</li> <li>▪ Have financial need at the college of your choice</li> <li>▪ Have family income and assets below the minimum levels</li> <li>▪ Be enrolled or plan to enroll in a program leading to an undergraduate degree or certificate</li> <li>▪ Be enrolled or plan to enroll at least half-time</li> <li>▪ Have registered with the U.S. Selective Service, if required to do so</li> <li>▪ Not owe a refund on any state or federal grant or be in default on a student loan</li> <li>▪ Not be incarcerated</li> <li>▪ Maintain the Satisfactory Academic Progress standards as established by the school. Recipients who do not meet the standards are ineligible for Cal Grant payment and will not use eligibility during the terms they are ineligible for payment.</li> </ul>
<b>Access to Benefit/Action Steps to Receiving Benefit</b>	<p><b>HELPFUL LINKS</b></p> <p><b>FAFSA</b>  <a href="https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa">https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa</a></p> <p><b>Cal Grant Info</b>  <a href="https://www.csac.ca.gov/post/what-cal-grant-award">https://www.csac.ca.gov/post/what-cal-grant-award</a></p> <p><b>GPA Verification Form</b>  <a href="https://www.csac.ca.gov/sites/main/files/file-attachments/g4_gpa_form.pdf">https://www.csac.ca.gov/sites/main/files/file-attachments/g4_gpa_form.pdf</a></p>
<b>Length of Benefit</b>	Enrolled in a four-year university
<b>Benefit Amount</b>	<p>Every year up to age 26</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ \$12,630 max at a University of California campus</li> <li>▪ \$5,742 max at a California State University campus</li> <li>▪ \$9,084 at an independent college</li> </ul>

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<b>Benefit Name</b>	<b>Cal Grant B</b>
<b>Benefit Department</b>	California Student Aid Commission
<b>Benefit Description</b>	For low-income students with a minimum high school GPA of 2.00. May be used for an academic program that is at least one year in length. Includes an additional annual Access Award amount for living expenses. During sophomore through senior years, the student will receive tuition and fees plus the Access Award at tuition-charging institutions.
<b>Benefit Eligibility</b>	<p>Must <b>meet</b> the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ File the FAFSA (pages 40 and 42), or the CADAA, and the Cal Grant Grade Point Average Verification Form</li> <li>▪ Foster youth has not reached age 26 before July 1st of the award year</li> <li>▪ Be enrolled at least half-time (6 or more units)</li> <li>▪ Be a U.S. citizen, lawful permanent resident, OR qualify for the CADAA (page 43)</li> <li>▪ Be a California resident when you graduate from high school or earn your GED</li> <li>▪ Have at least a 2.0 GPA</li> <li>▪ Be enrolled in a two-year college or four-year university</li> </ul>
<b>Access to Benefit/Action Steps to Receiving Benefit</b>	<p>If applying to a community college, youth may apply for the grant up until September 2 if they were in care on or after their 13th birthday. Those students can apply up until their 26th birthday and maintain the grant for up to eight years instead of four.</p> <p><b>HELPFUL LINKS</b></p> <p><b>FAFSA</b>  <a href="https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa">https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa</a></p> <p><b>California DREAM Act</b>  <a href="https://dream.csac.ca.gov/">https://dream.csac.ca.gov/</a></p> <p><b>Cal Grant Info</b>  <a href="https://www.csac.ca.gov/post/what-cal-grant-award">https://www.csac.ca.gov/post/what-cal-grant-award</a></p> <p><b>GPA Verification Form</b>  <a href="https://www.csac.ca.gov/sites/main/files/file-attachments/g4_gpa_form.pdf">https://www.csac.ca.gov/sites/main/files/file-attachments/g4_gpa_form.pdf</a></p>
<b>Length of Benefit</b>	Up to eight years
<b>Benefit Amount</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ First-year students: \$1,672 max</li> <li>▪ Renew rewarded after first year: \$12, 630 max at a University of California campus</li> <li>▪ \$5,742 at a California State University campus</li> <li>▪ \$9,084 at an independent college</li> </ul>

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<b>Benefit Name</b>	<b>Cal Grant C</b>
<b>Benefit Department</b>	California Student Aid Commission
<b>Benefit Description</b>	For low- to middle-income students. No GPA requirement; however, a submitted GPA helps make your application competitive.  For occupational/technical and non-transferring associate-degree program certificates and associate-degree programs of least four months to two years in length. Award amount assists with tuition and fees, and also includes an additional annual book and supplies amount.
<b>Benefit Eligibility</b>	Must <b>meet</b> the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ File the FAFSA (pages 40 and 42), or the CADAA, and the Cal Grant Grade Point Average Verification Form</li> <li>▪ Be enrolled at least half-time (6 or more units)</li> <li>▪ Be a U.S. citizen, lawful permanent resident, OR qualify for the CADAA (page 43)</li> <li>▪ Be a California resident when you graduate from high school or earn your GED</li> <li>▪ Be enrolled in technical or career education</li> </ul>
<b>Access to Benefit/Action Steps to Receiving Benefit</b>	<b>HELPFUL LINKS</b>  <b>FAFSA</b> <a href="https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa">https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa</a>  <b>California DREAM Act</b> <a href="https://dream.csac.ca.gov/">https://dream.csac.ca.gov/</a>  <b>Cal Grant Info</b> <a href="https://www.csac.ca.gov/post/what-cal-grant-award">https://www.csac.ca.gov/post/what-cal-grant-award</a>  <b>GPA Verification Form</b> <a href="https://www.csac.ca.gov/sites/main/files/file-attachments/g4_gpa_form.pdf">https://www.csac.ca.gov/sites/main/files/file-attachments/g4_gpa_form.pdf</a>
<b>Length of Benefit</b>	Two years
<b>Benefit Amount</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ \$1,094 for books, tools, and equipment</li> <li>▪ \$2,462 for tuition and fees (if not enrolled in a California community college)</li> </ul>

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| <b>Benefit Name</b>                                        | <b>California College Promise Grant</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Benefit Department</b>                                  | Office of the Chancellor of California Community Colleges                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Benefit Description</b>                                 | The Promise Grant is a fee waiver for enrollment fees at many California community colleges.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Benefit Eligibility</b>                                 | <p>Must meet <b>any</b> of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Enrolled in a California community college and have been determined to be a resident or exempt from non-resident fees under CADAA (page 43) <b>AND</b> have financial need, based on a financial-aid office review of FAFSA (pages 40 and 42)</li> <li>▪ Are receiving Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Supplemental Security Income/ State Supplementary Payments (SSI/SSP), or General Assistance</li> </ul> <p>Current and former foster youth who receive this grant are eligible to continue receiving grant funds if they don't meet Satisfactory Academic Progress requirements.</p> |
| <b>Access to Benefit/Action Steps to Receiving Benefit</b> | <p>Apply for the California College Promise Grant by applying for FAFSA or CADAA (pages 40 and 42).</p> <p><b>HELPFUL LINKS</b></p> <p><a href="https://home.cccapply.org/money/california-college-promise-grant">https://home.cccapply.org/money/california-college-promise-grant</a></p> <p>Need help with the application process?<br/>Call (626) 914-8511</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Length of Benefit</b>                                   | Two years                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Benefit Amount</b>                                      | \$46 per unit covers cost of tuition                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |

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<b>Benefit Name</b>	<b>Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®)</b>
<b>Benefit Department</b>	Federal Student Aid
<b>Benefit Description</b>	This is financial aid from the federal government to help you pay for education expenses at an eligible college or career school. Different types of financial aid exist—grants (money you don’t have to pay back), loans (money you <u>do</u> have to pay back), and work-study (money from employment that you don’t have to pay back). You must complete the <a href="#">FAFSA form</a> to apply for this aid.
<b>Benefit Eligibility</b>	<p>Must meet <b>any</b> of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Qualify to obtain a college or career school education, either by having a high school diploma <b>OR</b></li> <li>▪ General Educational Development (GED) Certificate <b>OR</b></li> <li>▪ By completing a high school education in a home-school setting approved under state law</li> </ul> <p><b>AND</b> meet <b>any</b> of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Be enrolled or accepted for enrollment as a regular student in an eligible degree or certificate program <b>AND</b> have a valid Social Security number unless you are from the Republic of the Marshall Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, or the Republic of Palau, <b>AND</b> sign certifying statements stating that you are not in default on a federal student loan and do not owe a refund on a federal grant <b>AND</b> you will use federal student aid only for educational purposes <b>AND</b> maintain satisfactory academic progress in college or career school <b>AND</b> be a U.S. citizen or U.S. national by being born in the United States, American Samoa, or Swains Island, being born abroad to parents who are U.S. citizens, or if you have obtained citizenship status through naturalization</li> <li>▪ Have a GREEN CARD (Permanent Resident Card) if you have a Form I-551, I-151, or I-551C</li> <li>▪ Have an arrival-departure record that shows Refugee, Asylum Granted, Cuban-Haitian Entrant (Status Pending) OR Parolee</li> <li>▪ Have battered immigrant status by virtue of being a victim of abuse by your citizen or permanent-resident spouse, or you are the child of a person designated as such under the Violence Against Women Act</li> <li>▪ Have a T visa if you or your parent has a T1 visa</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Beginning August 16, 2021, youth with drug-related convictions are still eligible to apply for FAFSA.</li> </ul>
<b>Access to Benefit/Action Steps to Receiving Benefit</b>	<p><b>HELPFUL LINKS</b></p> <p><b>Application</b>  <a href="https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa">https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa</a></p> <p><b>Pell Grant Info</b>  <a href="https://www2.ed.gov/programs/fpg/index.html">https://www2.ed.gov/programs/fpg/index.html</a></p>
<b>Benefit Amount</b>	<p>Pell Grant—up to \$6,195 a year (additional \$3,098 if enrolled during the summer, depending on financial need and other factors) You can receive the Pell Grant for no more than 12 semesters.</p> <p>Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG)—between \$100 and \$4,000 a year</p> <p>Direct unsubsidized and subsidized loans for independent students:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ First year—\$9,500 (no more than \$3,500 may be subsidized loans)</li> <li>▪ Second year—\$10,500 (no more than \$4,500 may be subsidized loans)</li> <li>▪ Third year and beyond—\$12,500 (no more than \$5,500 may be subsidized loans)</li> <li>▪ Work-study—earning at least Federal minimum wage (specific amount based on time of application, level of financial need, and school’s funding level)</li> </ul>

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Benefit Name	California DREAM Act
<b>Benefit Department</b>	State law (AB 540)
<b>Benefit Description</b>	<p>The California DREAM Act application allows undocumented and nonresident students (U.S. citizens and eligible non-citizens) who qualify for a nonresident exemption under Assembly Bill 540 (AB 540) to receive certain types of financial aid, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Private scholarships funded through public universities</li> <li>▪ State administered financial aid</li> <li>▪ University grants</li> <li>▪ Community College fee waivers</li> <li>▪ Cal Grants</li> </ul> <p>This application is unrelated to the federal Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program.</p>
<b>Benefit Eligibility</b>	<p>Must meet <b>any</b> of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Youth is not eligible to file the FAFSA (page 40) <b>AND</b> attended at least three full years in a California high school, adult school, or community college <b>OR</b></li> <li>▪ Has three years of California high school credits and three years of total attendance in any combination of elementary, secondary, or high school in California <b>AND</b> graduated from a California high school with the equivalent attainment of a General Education Development (GED), High School Equivalency Test (HiSET), Test Assessing Secondary Completion (TASC), or California High School Proficiency Examination (CHSPE) <b>OR</b> attained an associate degree from a California community college <b>OR</b> fulfilled the minimum transfer requirements from a California community college to a California State University (CSU) or University of California (UC) campus <b>AND</b>, if without lawful immigration status, the youth has filed a written statement confirmed by oath with their college stating that they have filed an application to legalize their immigration status, or will file an application as soon as they are eligible</li> <li>▪ Youth without Social Security numbers or youth who have lost DACA status (or never applied for DACA)</li> </ul> <p>Youth who achieve independent status are also eligible to apply.</p>
<b>Access to Benefit/Action Steps to Receiving Benefit</b>	<p><b>HELPFUL LINKS</b></p> <p><b>California DREAM Act</b></p> <p><a href="https://dream.csac.ca.gov/">https://dream.csac.ca.gov/</a></p>
<b>Length of Benefit</b>	As long as youth is enrolled in higher education
<b>Benefit Amount</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The loan may not exceed the financial need of the student.</li> <li>▪ No student may borrow more than \$4,000 under this program within a single academic year.</li> <li>▪ No student may borrow more than \$20,000 in the aggregate under the program from any one participating institution.</li> </ul>

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## Health

<b>Benefit Name</b>	<b>Medi-Cal Program for Former Foster Youth</b>
<b>Benefit Department</b>	Federal program (Medicaid)
<b>Benefit Description</b>	<p>The Affordable Care Act (ACA) requires states to provide youth under 26 with free health care if they were in foster care at age 18 or later. This ensures that former foster youth can access the health care services they need.</p> <p>Services include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Free medical care</li> <li>▪ Vision exams</li> <li>▪ Dental care</li> <li>▪ Substance abuse treatment</li> <li>▪ Mental health services that are available under Medi-Cal</li> </ul> <p>Youth under age 21 may qualify for some extra benefits such as braces and glasses.</p>
<b>Benefit Eligibility</b>	If you had an open DCFS case at age 18 or later, your Medi-Cal should continue until your 26th birthday.
<b>Access to Benefit/Action Steps to Receiving Benefit</b>	<p>If for some reason you are no longer on Medi-Cal, please contact your CSW immediately. The CSW should send the paperwork to Mei Li at the Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) who can be contacted at (909)450-2473.</p> <p><b>HELPFUL LINKS</b></p> <p><b>Info</b>  <a href="http://www.coveredtil26.org/how-to-sign-up">http://www.coveredtil26.org/how-to-sign-up</a></p> <p><b>Apply Online</b>  <a href="http://www.coveredca.com">www.coveredca.com</a></p> <p><b>MC 250A Form</b>  <a href="https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/formsandpubs/forms/Forms/MCED/MC_Forms/MC250A_Eng.pdf">https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/formsandpubs/forms/Forms/MCED/MC_Forms/MC250A_Eng.pdf</a></p>
<b>Length of Benefit</b>	Youth in foster care on their 18th birthday or later (in any state or tribe) through the day before their 26th birthday.
<b>Benefit Amount</b>	N/A

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## Workforce Development

<b>Benefit Name</b>	<b>Youth@Work</b>
<b>Benefit Department</b>	Los Angeles County Department of Economic Opportunity
<b>Benefit Description</b>	<p>Three levels of services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Level I: Work-Based Learning (WBL) includes 20 hours of paid personal enrichment training in a classroom setting that prepares youth with fundamental skills—life skills, financial literacy, career exploration, work ethics, and goal-setting—that are essential for success in the 21st Century workplace. The remaining 140 hours of paid work experience occur at a work site in a public, nonprofit, or private organization that is part of a high-growth, in-demand industry sector. Upon completion WBL Services, each youth is assessed for the need of additional levels of service.</li> <li>▪ Level II: Academic and Career Development. Consists of comprehensive services that place youth firmly on a career path in a high-growth, in-demand industry sector. Each youth receives career planning and an individual plan with goals in education, academics, sector-driven job training, and/or employment. Additional services include, as needed, work experience, paid and unpaid internships, employment readiness workshops, financial literacy training, accelerated basic skills training, on-the-job training, pre-apprenticeships, tutoring, leadership opportunities, mentoring, career development, and entrepreneurial training and supportive services.</li> <li>▪ Level III: Advanced Career Services. Eligible youth ages 18 and older are offered additional, more rigorous career planning and training services, placement in advanced training, and/or attaining and retaining unsubsidized employment along the youth participant’s determined career path.</li> </ul>
<b>Benefit Eligibility</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Los Angeles County residents (all levels) ages:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ 14 to 24 (Level I)</li> <li>♦ 16 to 24 (Level II)</li> <li>♦ 18 and above (Level III)</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Have the right to work in the United States (all levels) <b>AND</b></li> <li>▪ Register for Selective Service if male and at least 17 years of age (Levels II and III)</li> </ul>
<b>Access to Benefit/Action Steps to Receiving Benefit</b>	<p>Y@W services are available countywide through the America’s Job Centers of California including YouthSource and One Stop Centers. Walk-ins are always welcome. Find contact information for the AJCC nearest you <a href="#">here</a>.</p>

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Benefit Name	Countywide Youth Bridges Program through Youth@Work
Benefit Department	All County Departments   Los Angeles County Department of Economic Opportunity
Benefit Description	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Through Y@W Level I, youth are eligible for 160 hours of paid work experience and soft-skills training. After they complete 20 hours of Personal Enrichment Training, youth participating in the Countywide Youth Bridges Program (CYPB) are assigned to a County department for paid work experience.</li> <li>▪ After 120-hours in CYBP (Step 1), youth receive a CYBP certificate qualifying them to apply for the countywide Youth Worker position. This one-year full-time paid internship in a County department (Step 2) provides the youth with medical and dental benefits, paid vacations and holidays, and technical job training and guidance on workplace behavior, competencies, individual responsibilities, and the development of occupational skill sets.</li> <li>▪ Upon their completion of the one-year full-time paid internship, Youth Workers are eligible to compete for permanent County positions specifically tailored to those that have participated in this program (Step 3).</li> </ul> <p>The Los Angeles County Department of Human Resources works with each department to facilitate the development of work plans and overall implementation of CYBP within their respective agencies.</p>
Benefit Eligibility	<p><b>Step 1</b>—Priority youth populations ages 16–24: CalWORKS or Cal-Learn participants, probation, foster, homeless, from a low-income household, systems-affected, LGBTQ+</p> <p><b>Step 2</b>—Must be at least 18 years of age and not older than 24 at time of onboarding; must complete the 120 hours of work experience at a County facility and receive the CYBP certificate. Youth must also meet the minimum requirements for the Youth Worker position set forth by the job bulletin.</p> <p><b>Step 3</b>—Must be 18 years or older. Upon completion of the 12-month internship, Youth Workers are eligible to compete for permanent County positions specifically tailored to those who have participated in CYBP, as well as other County positions as they become available.</p>
Access to Benefit/Action Steps to Receiving Benefit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Visit your local <a href="#">America’s Job Center of CA</a> location or other Youth@Work provider and tell them you’re interested in CYBP.</li> <li>▪ Ask your caregiver, CSW, or ILP Coordinator to refer you directly through the Department of Children and Families’ Youth Development Services (YDS) section.</li> <li>▪ Complete the online registration form <a href="#">Youth at Work (lacounty.gov)</a>.</li> </ul>
Length of Benefit	<p>Step 1: 160 hours</p> <p>Step 2: One-year full-time internship</p>
Benefit Amount	The pay rate is \$16.04 per hour as of July 1, 2022.

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Benefit Name	Career Development Intern Program
<b>Benefit Department</b>	Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) Youth Development Services (YDS)
<b>Benefit Description</b>	Full-time, paid work-experience internship. Youth are assigned to various DCFS offices, typically in an office helper capacity. Twice-monthly, day-long trainings are held to support youth and assist with transition to a permanent employment; 25 youth participate in each cohort.
<b>Benefit Eligibility</b>	ILP-eligible youth (page 6) age 18 through the day before their 26th birthday
<b>Access to Benefit/Action Steps to Receiving Benefit</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Apply at <a href="https://hr.lacounty.gov/career-development-internships/">https://hr.lacounty.gov/career-development-internships/</a>.</li> <li>▪ Take the County Career Development Intern Human Resources examination.</li> <li>▪ Receive score based on exam results.</li> <li>▪ Attend interview.</li> <li>▪ Accept placement.</li> </ul>
<b>Length of Benefit</b>	24 months
<b>Benefit Amount</b>	\$2,558.42 per month plus medical and dental benefits for the intern and his or her immediate family, and paid vacation, paid holidays, sick leave, and leave if you lose a loved one

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